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A magician pulling rabbit from a hat

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. counsel James S. Sirok likens the decision of David G. Gulick and his team at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to reduce the CW-1 cap to a magician pulling a rabbit from a hat.

Hasselback: Many claiming to be residents do not qualify

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It now appears that many persons who are claiming residence in the CNMI do not qualify for such residence under CNMI law, according to Commonwealth Election Commission administrative hearing officer George Lloyd Hasselback.

This developed as CEC commis-

» **CEC processes 984 absentee ballots; tabulation of all absentee ballots today**

After the meeting, CEC started processing the 984 absentee ballots that came at the post office on Saipan

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DPL, others eye January survey of Pagan

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Public Lands Secretary Marianne Tergeyo would be leading a multi-agency team that would survey Pagan in January. DPL had already solicited requests for proposal from several

contractors for vessels that would bring them to one of the CNMI's northernmost islands.

Personnel from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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Citing the CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2016, Sirok said there was no information reported in the *Federal Register* or brought to the attention of the court why the reduction number had to be 1,000 versus 1 or 2 or 10 or 100 or even 2,000.

"Mr. Gulick and his team merely pulled the reduction number of 1,000 out of thin air to enlighten and humor the populace of the CNMI, and its political leaders, in the same manner a magician pulls a rabbit from a hat," the lawyer said.

Sirok discussed the CW-1 cap issue in CUC's opposition to a motion to dismiss CUC's first complaint. Thirteen of CUC's CW-1 workers have joined the lawsuit.

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MOBILE OUTREACH

Philippine Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian from the Philippine Consulate General in Guam, left, makes an appointee sign a document during the mobile outreach held at the DHL office last Friday.

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Joeten's ramen shop officially opens

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Joeten has unveiled its own version of a hat trick, with the official opening of Aiko's Ramen restaurant, along with a third Café Latte and the Hafa Adai Express, a new concept of convenience shopping that's tailored for tourists and residents alike who want to execute a quick transaction, in the same building.

Joeten's first ramen restaurant features meticulously planned Japanese-style cuisine, along with the third installment of Café Latte that features frozen yogurt as a recommended dish after a bowlful of ramen.

Bo Palacios, business development manager of J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, said, "We're really excited for this location because it will be our first to feature frozen yogurt. The light coolness of frozen yogurt perfectly complements the richness of our ramen so we believe that this is a great pairing of products."

"Aiko's Ramen is the result of several years of planning, developing, training, and product testing. We feel that we finally got it right and we're so proud to offer the best, freshest, and most authentic product possible," Palacios added.

One customer, Ton Garcia, who came in with friends, said, "I like how the café is together with the ramen shop. That way I don't have to spend extra gas going somewhere else if I want dessert."

Emi Okazaki, Aiko's Ra-



men manager, said, "With the opening today, I feel very happy. ...We are still going through the processes of running the restaurant since it is the first ramen shop for Joeten. We offer good ramen and customer service because I want them [customers] to feel like they want to come back."

Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez blessed the restaurant's premises. Following that was the *Kagami-biraki*, sake toast led by Emi Okazaki, and refreshments made available within

First lady Diann Torres, left, and Clarence Tenorio Sr. commence with the *Kagami-biraki* in commemoration of the grand opening of Aiko's Ramen Restaurant in Susupe yesterday morning.

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Emi Okazaki, center, leads the sake toast in commemoration of the grand opening of Aiko's Ramen Restaurant in Susupe yesterday.

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the restaurant.

Nanya Boeki Kaisha, Kikkoman, and Hakutsuru Sake sponsored the *Kagami-biraki*.

The *Kagami-biraki* is a ceremony performed at celebratory events in which the lid of the sake barrel is broken open by a wooden mallet and the sake is served to everyone.

CPUC closes down

Citing unnamed circumstances, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission announced yesterday that it will be closing down its office indefinitely.

In a statement, the CPUC's sole commissioner, Dave Guerrero, said that the agency has already notified the Commonwealth Development Authority that it will be vacating its office effective Nov. 22, 2016.

At the same time, all vendor accounts that the CPUC has opened are terminated and have been asked to be closed.

As of tomorrow, CPUC will no longer maintain an office but intends to still keep tabs on any matters involving the organization.

"All future communications may be addressed to the Office of the Governor. So that the record of any inquiry, filing or other correspondence is preserved, please copy current Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission legal counsel Mark B. Hanson on all issues. His office is maintaining records for the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission," said Guerrero in the notice.

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PH mobile outreach processes 696 passports

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The Philippine Consulate General in Guam amazed themselves and the public by doubling the number of passports that they usually process during their stay on Saipan.

The consulate general held a five-day mobile outreach last week at the DHL office on Middle Road for the renewal of e-passports and they managed to process 696 passports in all.

This is on top of 10 affidavits, two travel documents, nine reports of birth,

four reports of marriage, and extending the validity of 15 passports.

According to Philippine Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, the consulate now has two data capturing machines, enabling them to double the number of biometrics capturing they can do. The consulate used to only have one data capturing machine.

"Now that we have two data capturing machines, as opposed to one back then, we are able to capture more applicants now. Before, we were only able to obtain around 300 to 400 people

within a four-day period here, but now we are able to service around 700 to 750 applicants," Auxilian said.

Auxilian was the team leader for the mobile consular team on Saipan during the outreach. As usual, they were assisted by the United Filipino Organizations. Last week's event was announced five days prior by the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and Philippine Honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago.



Auxilian

Auxilian said: "Many of our Filipino brethren here have passports that are already expiring, with some already expired. Passports are something people need to renew their CW visa as well as use whenever they want to travel. So that's why they need a valid passport."

Arago said: "With the new data-capturing machine, we managed to process 696 passports, which was a big help. However, we still are still arranging for the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration to come, most

likely within the first week of December, to help with insurance for the people."

Other than passport services, the Philippine Consulate General in Guam also does civil registrations like reports of birth to help parents register their children as Philippine citizens, reports of marriage, and process applications for dual citizenship.

Annamae Adaza, a UFO volunteer, said, "As always, some applicants didn't show up, for different reasons. They say it's late when they know about their appointments, no money for payment, cannot go out from work, but they have to think

that without valid passports they cannot renew their CW's or travel in case of an emergency. It's everyone's responsibility to have a valid passport at least six months before it expires. It's tiring but rewarding to be able to serve our *kababayans* [compatriot] and we can't please them all, but as long as the majority are happy then that's good enough."

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In their first amended complaint, CUC and its 13 CW-1 workers asked the court to prevent Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Charles Johnson and co-defendants from enforcing the CW-1 caps set for fiscal years 2013 through 2017, as set by the DHS Secretary.

The plaintiffs argued, among other things, that the manner and process used in the past and being currently being used by DHS to arrive at the cap number is arbitrary, capricious, and results in an abuse of the DHS secretary's limited discretion.

Johnson and his co-defendants moved to dismiss the complaint. They argued, among other things, that the DHS secretary has unfettered discretion to set the cap in any manner and make it applicable to the CW-1 petitioning process.

In plaintiffs' opposition, Sirok said that District 26 director Gulick and his team did this because they felt they knew better than the CNMI governor what was best for the

Commonwealth and its ability to encourage future economic development and growth.

Sirok pointed out that this is not what was envisioned by Congress when it enacted the Consolidated Natural Resources Act. The CNRA extended U.S. immigration laws to the Northern Marianas and established the Commonwealth-Only Transitional Workers or CW-1 program for foreign workers.

Sirok pointed out that U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's discussion on the cap numbers for fiscal years 2013 makes it clear that DHS has no uniform and consistent approach to setting the cap each fiscal year.

Sirok said there has been no numerical limitation plan developed for the allocation of the number of permits to be issued each year as required by the CNRA.

Sirok said Gulick testified clearly that, for the fiscal year 2016 cap number, he merely chose to reduce the 2015 cap by 1,000 because that number was greater than one but large enough to get the attention of employers, businesses, and the

CNMI's citizens that the total number of CW-1 workers will be reduced to zero by 2019.

"This is arbitrary and capricious conduct in its purest form," said Sirok, adding that this is a prime example of conduct that is not in accordance with the CNRA provisions and abusive of whatever discretion may have been created under the CNRA provisions.

Sirok said DHS may have taken into consideration many factors relevant to CNMI's economy and future development before computing the cap number for fiscal year 2016. However, Sirok said, these considerations are meaningless without some type of calculation, formula, numerical limitation plan or allocation system.

Sirok said all of these considerations were thrown aside when Gulick and his staff simply and randomly decided to reduce the fiscal year 2015 limit by 1,000 because it was "better than one" and would get the attention of everyone that there would be no more CW-1 workers after December 2019.

Sirok said there was no causal link between setting the

fiscal year 2016 cap number and the economic and social information obtained by Gulick and his staff prior to making this decision.

Sirok said Manglona recognized that the CNRA provides that the system "may be based on any reasonable method and criteria" as determined by DHS secretary.

Sirok said Manglona recognized that the CNRA requires the DHS secretary to "establish, administer, and enforce a system for allocating and determining the number and terms and conditions of permits."

Sirok said the DHS secretary simply has not developed a method, or a system, for allocating and determining the number of CW-1 permits that are to be issued each fiscal year.

Sirok noted that Manglona has also come to that conclusion.

In denying the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction early this month, Manglona has determined that from Gulick's testimony, it appears that DHS and the USCIS have not set in place an allocation system of CNMI-only transitional workers visa (CW-1) permits.

Manglona said it appears that DHS and USCIS only prioritize CW-1 petitions based on the date they actually arrive in their offices.

While the parties have not fully briefed the issue as to whether an allocation system exists or not, Manglona said that Gulick's testimony leads her to believe that no allocation system has been set in place.

Rather, Manglona said CW-1 permits are examined on a first-in first-out basis without regard to the occupational category the permit may fall under.

Manglona discussed the CW-1 allocation system in her 33-page order that denied a motion for preliminary injunction filed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to allow its 13 CW-1 workers to work or continue to work despite their permits' expiration dates.

Manglona denied the same motion for preliminary injunction that requests to prevent Johnson and co-defendants from enforcing the published fiscal year 2016 CW-1 cap set by DHS for failure to comply with the CNRA and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Manglona ruled that given

the unlikelihood that CUC and its 13 CW-1 workers will succeed on the merits of their claim and the lack of irreparable harm absent injunctive relief, she concludes that plaintiffs have not established their entitlement to a preliminary injunction.

The judge noted that CW-1 workers have been allowed to continue working pending the resolution of this case.

Manglona concluded that DHS has complied with the CNRA to the extent that DHS has established, administered, and enforced a system to determine the number of CW-1 permits. The judge pointed out that what plaintiffs fail to address in its motion for injunctive relief is the allocation of permits.

CUC employs over 300 workers, including 42 non-resident workers.

Plaintiffs are suing Johnson and others for not acting on their CW-1 permit renewals.

Aside from Johnson, plaintiffs are also suing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Sarah R. Saldana, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez.

ers. "Collections in antitrust lawsuits are not yet included. There are a lot of businesses and companies that are building on public lands and we are aggressively going against encroachers."

A few months ago, DPL identified nine land encroachment cases. She said some businesses built structures 12 to 15 feet from their buildings.

"We've gone out and appraised the area and billed them. Some of them settled, while some we filed encroachment cases in court. The recent one was a beachside property that extended their [establishment] so we filed a case in court."

Other projects

Teregeyo said that 11—individuals or corporations—that submitted RFPs for land use in developing these properties. Seven of the 11 are for quarry operations while four are for other property development. This was the first time that seven have applied for quarry operations, showing that there's a huge demand for it.

There are also about 40 lands on Saipan that have been revoked and have been appealed that are ready for redistribution. "These are different from the last time because now the hearing officer has heard the cases and some of them were reconsidered and some were not."

DPL also received \$1 million from the Legislature for the land use plan where an RFP is already being ran.

There's still no update yet on the planned take over of Best Sunshine International, Ltd. on Mariana Resort & Spa's 161-hectare property in Marpi. Mariana Resort's lease will expire in 2018.

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last Nov. 8. When *Saipan Tribune* left the center at 3:35pm, the processing was still ongoing.

CEC will pick up more absentee ballots this afternoon, Tuesday, at the post office. The tabulation committee will process the collected absentee ballots then tabulate all absentee ballots.

Hasselback strongly recommends that the CEC take steps to begin meaningful enforcement of CNMI laws regarding residence and domicile as it relates to eligibility to vote in CNMI elections.

Hasselback made the determination and recommendation in two of several administrative orders pertaining to alleged "dual voters." In these two orders, he ruled that the 45 named as "dual voters" should not be removed from the CNMI register of eligible voters for the Nov. 8, 2016 general election.

Hasselback said such enforcement should commence as soon as possible and not be left to the month immediately prior to an election.

Hasselback said such enforcement should, at an absolute minimum, include a review of absentee ballot requests, rigorous investigation into whether registered voters in the CNMI qualify as "residents" for voting purposes and the removal from the list of registered voters of those who do not so qualify after sufficient notice and opportunity

to be heard has been provided.

According to Hasselback's decisions, assistant attorney general Michael Witry presented documentary evidence that established by a preponderance of evidence that all the 45 individuals have requested absentee ballots for the election.

Along with the requested absentee ballots, CEC provided a letter to each of the 45 individuals that indicated it would be seeking the removal of their names from the CNMI's register of voters as it believed they were not "residents" of the CNMI pursuant to law.

Witry presented that the 45 individuals appear on the roll of registered voters in another state or territory of the U.S.

Hasselback said he finds that the Oct. 18, 2016 letter, delivered with the requested absentee ballots, provided adequate notice to the registered voters that their status as registered voters in the CNMI was being challenged by the CEC, due to the CEC's determination that they were registered to vote in another state or territory of the U.S.

Hasselback further finds that given such notice, the 45 persons had an opportunity to be heard.

During the hearings for each of the 45 individuals, they each stated that they did not affirmatively register to vote in the foreign jurisdiction in which the CEC demonstrated they were listed as registered voters.

Foreign jurisdiction in this instance refers to a state or territory other than the CNMI.

Each of the 45 individuals

stated that they did not seek to be registered anywhere other than the CNMI.

While the statute upon which the CEC based its challenge to the CNMI residency of the 45 individuals does not specifically cite an "intent" requirement, a plain-language reading of it strongly indicates that one must take some affirmative step to register in another jurisdiction before automatically losing their residency in the CNMI for purpose of registering to vote, Hasselback said.

Specifically, Hasselback cited that 1 CMC Section 6204(g) says: A person loses his residence in this Commonwealth if the person registers to vote in another state or area under the U.S. or other jurisdiction.

Hasselback said given that the predicate to losing one's residency under this portion of the statute is when a "person registers to vote in another state or area" and this predicate is clearly written in the active voice, unless someone makes some affirmative act to register elsewhere, they will not automatically lose their status as a CNMI resident for purposes of voting.

Hasselback said since the CEC has not sufficiently established that any of the 45 persons took any affirmative act to register to vote elsewhere and these individuals have each stated on the record that they were added to those lists through no action of their own, the CEC has not met its burden under the law, it is his finding that these persons shall

remain registered voters in the CNMI for the 2016 general election.

Hasselback said the CEC did present evidence and argument to urge that some of these persons should be removed as registered voters in the CNMI due to other factors that demonstrate that they are not "residents" of the CNMI for voting purposes.

Hasselback said such evidence included periods of extended absence from the CNMI, inadequacies in the affidavits used to register to vote, inadequacies in the applications for absentee ballots and other compelling evidence that indicates that some of these persons have established residency outside of the CNMI and are ineligible to vote in the CNMI's 2016 general election.

Hasselback said he must admit that this presents a troubling picture of a lack of any meaningful enforcement of the specific statutes that govern residency in the CNMI for the purposes of voting.

Further, many of these persons may, in fact, not be residents of the CNMI for purposes of voting.

However, Hasselback said, he does not find that they were given adequate notice that their residence in the CNMI for purposes of voting would be challenged for any basis other than they appeared to be registered in a foreign voting district.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

DPL

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ment, Department of Public Safety, the Superior Court, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Land Registration surveyors would join Teregeyo and some of her DPL staff.

Court personnel need to join since there are some parcels of land on Pagan that have existing lawsuits and cases.

"The intention of the trip is for agricultural village homesteads in Pagan. We will have somebody from the courts since there's a case down there so they needed to join us. DPL will be teaming up with Land Registration in doing the surveys," Teregeyo said.

She said that DPL had also issued agricultural permits on Tinian after doing homestead inspections on the island in August and September. "They have not done any inspections in about 15 years on Tinian. So we've done homestead inspections and sent a lot of letters to Tinian residents."

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Crack down on encroachers

Teregeyo said their collection increased by about \$1 million in fiscal year 2016 after going up against land encroach-

DOC settles detainee's lawsuit over soursop tea

Department of Corrections officials have settled a lawsuit filed by a detainee who alleged that his request for soursop tea to treat a painful sore in his mouth has been denied.

Attorney Jeanne H. Rayphand, counsel for Joseph S. Epina, notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday about the settlement. With this, Rayphand asked for the dismissal of Epina's lawsuit.

Rayphand filed the notice of dismissal on Friday, a day after Epina filed the lawsuit. The notice did not provide details about the terms and conditions of the settlement.

Epina, 43, was suing DOC Commissioner Georgia Cabrera, Division of Pre-Trial Detention director Jose Pangelinan, and Division of Corrections director Gregory Castro for allegedly depriving him of his liberty without due process

and deprivation of a traditional method of healing.

In his lawsuit, Epina, through Rayphand, asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order, stopping Corrections from denying him a gallon of soursop tea made with 20 soursop leaves, every day.

He asked for a preliminary injunction preventing Corrections from denying him this traditional treatment for cancer while his case is pending.

On a final hearing, Epina asked the court to permanently stop Corrections from denying him this traditional treatment while he is detained at DOC.

Epina has been detained at DOC since March 14, 2016, for rape of a minor case.

According to Rayphand in the complaint, Epina was diagnosed in 2012 with varrucous carcinoma after which surgery was performed to remove the cancer.

This deprived him of his 14th Amendment right to adequate medical care while in custody, Rayphand said.

She said this also deprived Epina of liberty without due process of law, in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

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Court records, police arrested Epina last March for allegedly raping a 12-year-old. The defendant has failed to post a \$25,000 cash bail. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Businessman, company seek default judgment vs 3 defendants

A Korean businessman and his former company have asked the federal court to issue a default judgment against three persons who they named in a racketeering lawsuit over an alleged conspiracy to steal millions of dollars from him for his hotel and casino project on Saipan.

Il Hwan Kim and KSA Corp., through counsel Pamela Brown-Blackburn, disclosed that they already served the summons and complaint on Hun Jin An, Jeong Eun Taek, and Joann P. Hensley.

Brown-Blackburn said An, Taek, and Hensley failed to answer the lawsuit.

Brown-Blackburn did not provide other information in the plaintiffs' motion for entry of default.

Aside from those three defendants, KSA Corp. and Il Hwan Kim are suing former Public Lands secretary Oscar M. Babauta, former DPL employee Ramon S. Salas, and 10 unnamed co-defendants pursuant to Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act and other causes of action.

The plaintiffs asked the court to hold them liable for damages, court costs, and attorney's fees. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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New law lifts time limit to prosecute sex crime victims

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Victims of sexual crimes will now have the courage to speak out about their experience after the signing of a new law that now allows the prosecution at any time of criminals who commit sex crimes against persons under the age of 18.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog signed House Bill 19-185 last Thursday at the Governor's Office conference room on Capitol Hill. HB 19-185 is now Public Law 19-72.

PL 19-72 amends 6 CMC 107, lifting the statute of limitations on sexual crimes committed against those below 18 years old. It now allows the prosecution to commence any time for sex crimes committed against persons under the age of 18. Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) introduced the bill with fellow independent lawmakers Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, and Vinson F. Sablan, and GOP's George N. Camacho.

"Like many legislations there are processes. And during those processes one of them is based on information so that we are well versed in what kind of policy we are making. It took me two years based on the compelling information and data my office received," said Tebuteb.

Tebuteb added there is a feeling of fear for the victims in coming out to speak of what they have experienced.

"We must understand the situation of the victim, even more especially the family

and the community. I'm also encouraging those victims that remain silent to please come out. We have a support system; there are very dedicated people in the community who are here to support you."

He said removing the time limits would greatly benefit the victim. "Removing the time limitation will benefit the victims for it would give them the opportunity to build their confidence and report such incidents regardless of age and duration of the alleged incident, knowing the prosecution

can begin anytime regardless of time duration."

The amendment made is the time limitation for prosecution to begin. PL 19-72 states sexual crimes—whether it involves sexual contact, physical or sexual abuse, exhibitionism or sexual exploitation—committed against a victim under 18 years old can now be prosecuted at any time. "Except as otherwise provided in this section, prosecution for offenses other than traffic offenses are subject to the following time

limitations:

(1) A prosecution for an offense, which is punishable by imprisonment for five years or more must be commenced within four years after it is committed.

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(3) A prosecution for any other offense must be commenced within two years after it is committed.



NEW DEALERS

An Imperial Pacific International official, center, receives a gift and a traditional headdress from the first batch of trainees that passed the Baccarat Dealer Course in last week's ceremony at the Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s temporary office at the Bank of Guam building in Garapan.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Transfer station, landfill closed on Thursday

In observance of Thanksgiving, both the Lower Base transfer station and the Marpi landfill will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016. (PR)

Free medical mission on Sunday

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) will host a free medical mission at its chapel in San Jose on Nov. 27, 2016, Sunday, from 4pm to 6pm, as a way of celebrating Thanksgiving with the community. There will be blood pressure check, blood sugar check, weight measure, and eye screening. There will also be free body massage, facial cleansing, haircut, snack/refreshments, and giveaways. For more information, contact 789-7566. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM ASAN, Guam

The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Nov. 22 from 8am to 10pm, and on Nov. 23 from 8am to 8pm. The military will also conduct 24-hour training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 24-28. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated. (PR)

Kagman High progress report day today

Parents, guardians, and stakeholders of Kagman High School are invited to the progress report day today, Nov. 22, between 4pm and 6pm. Teachers will be available in the cafeteria to give grade updates, and schedule appointments for further discussions as needed. This is a critical time for interventions if a student is not meeting the requirements and expectations of passing the course to earn credit toward graduation. Honor roll for first-quarter

will also be passed out this day. Parents to attend will receive raffle tickets toward the end-of-the-year raffle. (PR)

CUC office hours

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will have the following office hours on Nov. 23-25, 2016:

- Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016: CUC Customer Center will be open all day for payments and purchase of prepaid meter tokens (load) only. All other offices: Closed at 12pm.

- Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 (Thanksgiving Day): Closed

- Friday, Nov. 25, 2016: Closed

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). (CUC)

Chamber to host career exploration day

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its "2016 Career Exploration Day" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating chamber business. Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall during the chamber's membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm. For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

SHEFA deadlines

The SHEFA deadline for new application only is on Dec. 1, 2016. The deadline for all supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2017. All documents must be complete and submitted at once. (SHEFA)

Wage and salary statement workshop

The Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2016 and other 2016 year-

end filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000 and 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. (PR)

Holiday closures at Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the upcoming federal holidays:

- Nov. 24, 2016, Thanksgiving

- Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas Day

- Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day

Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. (PR)

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Japan, U.S. complete amphibious operations in exercise

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS)—U.S. Forces and Japan Self-Defense Forces combined to complete a series of amphibious operations as part of Keen Sword 2017 on Nov. 11. Keen Sword is a joint and bilateral exercise held biennially off the coast of Japan and for the first time held simultaneously off Guam and Tinian. Keen Sword tests U.S.-Japan interoperability in a number of mission areas to include integrated air and missile defense and for the first time amphibious operations.

The amphibious portion combined Japanese Ground Self Defense Force personnel, aircraft, and U.S. Marines, who launched from JMSDF ships. Helicopter destroyer JS *Hyuga* served as command ship for the operations, with embarked mine warfare staff who oversaw maneuvers of three other Japanese ships and the USS *Comstock* with embarked 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Amphibious actions were supported from close air support sorties from Japanese Air Self Defense Force, JGSDF, and U.S. Air Force aircraft.

For the culminating amphibious raid, ground personnel from both forces were transported to Tinian in several waves by the JGSDF



2ND LT. ADAM MILLER
Marines drive an assault amphibious vehicle during Exercise Keen Sword 2013 on Nov. 9.

CH-47 Chinook aircraft, with support from AH-64D Apache helicopters, JASDF F-2 fighters, USAF B-1 bombers. Marines from the 11th MEU conducted a demonstration of amphibious assault vehicles from *Comstock* as an amphibious feint.

Once JGSDF and U.S. Marines landed ashore they transited across Tinian to reach a

simulated objective. The amphibious raid was achieved through advanced navigation by ground personnel and positive communication with command staffs on *Hyuga*.

Per amphibious doctrine, the command relationships seamlessly transitioned from Commander Amphibious Task Force to Commander Landing Force when forces

were ashore.

"This exercise was a good test for Japanese and U.S. forces," said Maj. Gen. Shinichi Aoki, deputy chief of staff, Western Army, and the CLF for the exercise. "Training like this allows us to learn and increase our proficiency of operating at sea and conducting operations from JMSDF ships."

For many of the JGSDF, this

was their first time embarking on Japanese ships. The ground personnel developed communication and planning processes to move personnel from ship to shore. Working side-by-side, JMSDF sailors gained experience in supporting their JGSDF counterparts.

"I am pleased with the success of the exercise and the training that will allow us to advance our joint and bilateral amphibious capability," said Rear Adm. Hideki Yuasa, Mine Warfare Force com-

mander and CATF for the exercise. "I am certain we have learned from each other and also from the U.S. personnel who have joined us for the exercise."

The sentiments were shared by Rear Adm. Marc Dalton, commander Amphibious Force 7th Fleet, who embarked on *Hyuga* to participate in the exercise and build on the command's bilateral partnership with JMSDF's Mine Warfare Force command.

"Keen Sword amphibious operations were well-planned, with many 'firsts' and productive lessons," said Dalton. "USS *Comstock*, 11th MEU, Marines from 3rd Marine Division, and U.S. maritime patrol aircraft conducted amphibious operations with all of the Japanese Self Defense Forces branches. I look forward to continued opportunities to train with the joint forces of the JSDF."

Originating in 1986, the Keen Sword exercise has been a recurring exercise meant to strengthen the Japan-U.S. alliance and increase combined combat readiness within the framework of the alliance. (*Lt. Adam Cole*)

Sabre, PAL tie up for unified planning



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Sabre and Philippine Airlines celebrate their latest technology deal during CAPA earlier this week. From left, Rakesh Narayanan, regional director for Sabre Airline Solutions South East Asia; Jaime J. Bautista, president and chief operating officer of PAL Holdings; Dasha Kuksenko, vice president and general manager for Sabre Airline Solutions APAC.

using Commercial Analytics, the Philippines flag carrier will have the ability to look at customer segments instead of simply fare purchases. This gives the airline more insights into their customers' purchase propensities and the ability to recommend actions to best suit the business needs of the airline."

Commercial Analytics will help PAL optimize revenue per passenger instead of the historically used revenue per seat model—a key component of achieving total revenue optimization. This groundbreaking, real-time solution analyzes historical and fu-

ture revenue trends through integrated airfare, ancillary product, and partner revenue metrics with predictive intelligence. This is the only solution in the market that can measure the impact of passenger behavior, helping PAL become more customer-centric.

"We are proud to partner with Sabre to help us identify new revenue streams and improve efficiencies," said Dina May F. Flores, vice president, Revenue Management, Philippine Airlines. "This will provide us relevant insights to help us better understand our customers' buying behavior. This will help us attain our

goal of becoming a five-star airline and a source of pride for Filipinos everywhere."

Commercial Analytics solves business challenges through a combination of intuitive role based user experience, advanced analytics and integrated data through the rest of the Sabre portfolio. It can also integrate with multiple reservation systems making Commercial Analytics a key part of Sabre's already industry-leading suite of data and analytic solutions—underscoring the company's commitment to invest in solutions that address the real-time needs of the travel industry. (PR)

Bordallo now accepting applications for Service Academy nominations

HAGĀTÑA, GUAM—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced Monday that she is accepting applications for a congressional nomination to the U.S. Service Academies. Students interested in attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York are encouraged to apply. Complete application packets must be received by Bordallo's Guam District Office by Dec. 12, 2016.

A congressional nomination is a requirement of the Service Academies' application process. Candidates interested in applying for a congressional nomination are encouraged to contact the Guam District Office at (671) 477-4272, if they have any questions about the nomination process or need help in completing their application. To download Bordallo's Service Academy Nomination Application Form, or to learn more about the nomination pro-

cess, visit Bordallo's website at www.bordallo.house.gov. For more information on individual service academies, visit the websites below:

- U.S. Air Force Academy, <http://www.usafa.af.mil>
- U.S. Military Academy, <http://www.usma.edu>
- U.S. Naval Academy, <http://www.usna.edu>
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"The academies provide an exceptional education and are a unique opportunity for individuals interested in military service," said Bordallo. "Many young men and women from Guam have attended the Service Academies and are serving our nation honorably as officers in the armed services. I am proud of the cadets and midshipmen from Guam currently at the academies and all the graduates who have gone on to be commissioned officers. Congressional nominations are a key component of the application process, and I encourage all interested young adults to apply for this opportunity and pursue careers in our nation's armed forces." (PR)

Hocog signs Rota bill with line-item veto

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog signed House Local Bill 19-79 that appropriates \$330,293.13 for the needs of the Municipality of Rota but vetoed an allocation for two doctors servicing the Rota Health Center. Rota Rep. Glenn L. Maratita authored HLB 19-79, which is now Rota Local Law 19-14.

"Pursuant to my authority under 1 CMC 1405 (b), I have line-item vetoed the appropriation of \$30,000 to pay Dr. James Toskas and Dr. Francois Claesens \$15,000 each. It is unclear that the appropriations to these individuals serve a compelling public purpose for which funds may be expended," said Hocog.

"Benefits that accrue to individuals may serve a public purpose if the 'community has an interest in having those individuals benefitted,'" added Hocog in the letter to Rota Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Glenn L. Maratita and House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan last week.

He said the payments are on top of the compensation paid the two doctors based on their contracts for "administrative leave" that was allegedly agreed to by the former RHC resident director. Hocog added

the former director does not have the authority to enter into that kind of agreement with the two doctors.

RLL 18-15 appropriated \$2 million that was appropriated to the First Senatorial District under Public Law 18-56. RLL 18-15 appropriated \$1,619,706.87 to restore the 25 percent cut made on the pension of retirees and surviving beneficiaries. The \$50,000 is payment for the debt the delegation owes the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

The remaining \$330,293.13 has not yet been appropriated, prompting the delegation to allocate it to the various needs of the Rota municipality.

Except for the \$30,000 reserved for the two doctors that was vetoed by Hocog, the money is allotted for medical subsistence of Rota's hemodialysis and terminally ill patients (\$33,500); the cost of transporting Rota patients' medical specimens from RHC to the Commonwealth Health Center (\$10,000);

The Rota Casino Gaming Commission and payment for lodging charges at Paradise Hotel are allotted \$20,000 each; \$40,000 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship for

spring 2017 semester grants; \$35,000 for the Rota Mayor's Office for the procurement of a vehicle; \$61,000 for payment of outstanding obligation to Rota employees' salary adjustments;

The Rota Aging Center will receive \$25,000 for an automatic sliding door; \$8,000 to update the Chamorro dictionary and to fund non-profit group *Inetnut Amot yan Kulturan Natibo*'s vari-

ous programs; \$3,009.63 for construction services by JAG; and \$44,783.50 for the Rota Mayor's Office's operations.

Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Rota Aging Program

director Valerie Apatang; Isidro Cabrera; the chairpersons of the Rota Municipal Scholarship and Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and RHC director were listed as expenditure authorities. (Jon Perez)

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Deportation hysteria

Since Donald Trump's election victory, the rhetoric over his hard line stance on immigration policies hasn't cooled a bit. In a recent interview on "60 Minutes," the president-elect vowed to deport or incarcerate as many as 3 million immigrants. Not to be outdone, some big city mayors from Seattle to New York stepped forward promising to maintain their status as "sanctuary cities" that will refuse to enforce federal immigration laws.

But what if for all the bluster and threats, the posturing and promises, a Trump administration pursues an immigration strategy not all that different from that of President Barack Obama? For a variety of reasons, that might be where he's headed. Here's why.

First, often overlooked by Trump's more virulent anti-immigrant supporters is that fact that the Obama administration has already set records for deportations. Since 2008, an estimated 2.7 million people have been deported by the federal government, with an emphasis on the very individuals Trump claims he wants to ship out—gang members, felons and other serious criminals.

So if he's talking long term, Trump's immigration stand may not be quite as bold as it appears. Indeed, it would be hard to see the numbers add up otherwise—there simply aren't 3 million undocumented convicted criminals to deport. The number is more likely under 900,000, according to U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Migration Policy Institute estimates, and it's probably dropping given that illegal border crossings have fallen in recent years.

Second is a simple lack of deportation infrastructure. Ever try to round up millions of people who don't want to be caught? During the campaign, the Republican nominee spoke of a possible "deportation force," but Republicans in Congress have already poo-pooed that idea. And it's not just a lack of immigration agents—detaining suspects and litigating all those cases would pose a considerable challenge to existing resources as well.

In fact, there's already a backup in the court system—perhaps a half-million or more cases—from the Obama administration's ongoing deportation efforts. Trump can vilify the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. without documentation all he wants, but the law gives those individuals certain rights—among them the right to appeal any deportation order.

Given those legal, logistical and resource impediments, it's entirely possible Trump is pulling a fast one of his supporters and will simply make more noise about deportation than his predecessors. The building of a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico may prove to be in the same vein—many miles of fencing already exist along the California and Arizona borders, barriers that have proven far from impervious. Meanwhile, more than 40 percent of the undocumented arrive legally but then overstay their visas, making a fence, wall or any other barrier moot.

Yet even if a President Trump doesn't hire a deportation force, build much of a wall or take any of the draconian measures both his critics and many of his supporters have been anticipating, he's already helped change the Ameri-

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Complaints about the 'normalization' of Trump are hypocritical

The war on normalization has begun. "The media is starting to normalize Donald Trump, and it should make you very scared," proclaims a headline at Salon. HBO's haughty in-house mocker, John Oliver, says, "Optimism is nice if you can swing it, but you've got to be careful, because it can feed into the normalization of Donald Trump—and he's not normal."

There is scads more of this stuff, but I have two points to make, so let's keep moving.

The first point is not particularly new, but it's important to the handful of us with the sacred right to say, "I told you so."

Or put another way: Where the hell were you people before? Throughout the primaries, Trump's conservative opponents complained bitterly that the mainstream media was normalizing Trump.

No one listened, for three reasons. Trump was good for ratings (and got billions worth of free media as a result). CBS honcho Les Moonves said that Trump's success "may not be good for America, but it's damn good for CBS."

Second, the mainstream media and numerous liberal pundits loved Trump's impact on the GOP for the same reason bored teenagers like to throw lit matches into dumpsters: Garbage fires are fun to watch.

The third reason is closely related to the second: The media thought Trump was more likely lose to Hillary Clinton. (And so did the Clinton campaign itself, as we learned from WikiLeaks).

In February, Jonathan Chait, a writer for New York Magazine and the author of a forthcoming book explaining how super-totally Barack Obama's presidency was, wrote a piece titled "Why liberals should support a Trump Republican nomination." He listed three reasons: Trump would lose, Trump would wreak havoc on the GOP, and Trump would be better than the other Republicans candidates.

"If he does win," Chait wrote, "a Trump presidency would probably wind up doing less harm to the country than a Marco Rubio or a (Ted) Cruz presidency. It might even, possibly, do some good."

The day after the election, Chait declared on Twitter "This is the worst thing that has happened in my life."

OK, then.

Shortly after the election, Slate's Jamelle Bouie wrote a piece titled "There's no such thing as a good Trump voter," likening some 60 million Americans to a racist lynch mob. Last year,

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Bouie penned an article with the headline "Donald Trump is actually a moderate Republican."

Of course, Chait and Bouie are not alone. Progressive figures such as Paul Krugman, Matt Yglesias, Robert Borosage, Amanda Marcotte and Bill Maher all said during the primaries that Trump was less scary than, say, Rubio or Cruz. (See Warren Henry's excellent survey in *The Federalist* for details.)

Isn't it awfully late to be decrying the normalization of Trump when you were an early adopter of normalization because you thought the horrible Democratic nominee would have an easier time beating him?

That brings me to my second point: the normalization of the Clintons. Liberals may have thought the Trump campaign's exploitation of the women Bill Clinton allegedly (and in some cases admittedly) sexually mistreated was tawdry and beyond the pale. Fair enough. But you know why such tactics worked? Because Bill Clinton was tawdry and beyond the pale—but liberals not only normalized him, they lionized him and demonized his critics.

You may object to Trump's allegedly shady business practices—I certainly do. But I objected to the Clintons' schemes as well. When the Clinton Foundation finally started to become an issue in the campaign, James Carville insisted that "somebody's going to hell" for daring to question the Olympian goodness of Clinton Inc. That encapsulates how the Clintons responded to all of their critics: great moral superiority combined with base intimidation.

Liberals knew when Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992 that he was a tawdry, corner-cutting cad (and that Hillary Clinton was a conspiratorial schemer). But he was on their side, so it was OK. Besides, once elected, he deserved the benefit of the doubt—even though he won a smaller share of the popular vote than Trump did—because you only have one president at a time, and in a democracy, elections are inherently normalizing.

Maybe Trump deserves similar treatment?

I'm not trying to start a pointless debate about who is more abnormal (though I'd argue that Trump would win that contest). But it's worth pointing out that when you spend a long time bending political norms for partisan reasons, those norms eventually break. And this is what you get.

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THE “COMPENSATORY” NARRATIVE

Hillary Clinton and ‘the popular vote’ issue

By TIBERIU DIANU
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I have noticed that the leftist pundits, when they strive to “explain” Hillary Clinton’s defeat, they rush to add: “and Clinton, by the way, won the popular vote.” This should be regarded psychologically as a compensatory reaction to her shameful, and not quite narrow-margin, defeat. Unexpected? Sure, if you think about: the whole Democratic Party, the GOP NeverTrumpers, the mainstream media, the confused independents, and most of the international community (who were all living in their own parallel realities, fed by a vicious MSM). Logical? Of course, if you count in: the “silent majority” (who has chosen to screw up the pollsters’ biased questions, and vote to save this nation), the disgusted ones (who decided to stay home or vote for the third parties), and a few others of us, the non-MSM commentators (who have chosen not to be muzzled by the establishment elite and its propaganda arm, the same MSM).

Procedurally, on Dec. 19, 2016 (that is, “on the Monday following the second Wednesday in December of that year,” according to the U.S. Constitution, Article Two, Section 1, Clause 4), the chosen 538 electors of the Electoral College (which is a process, not a place) will meet in their state capitals and vote for president.

On Jan. 6, 2017, (according to the U.S. Code, Title 3, Chapter 1, Article 15), the U.S. Congress meets to approve the Electoral College vote. In order to become a U.S. president, any presidential candidate needs a minimum of 270 electoral votes (out of the total of 538) in order to be elected president.

The “compensatory” narrative infers two premise situations in which Donald Trump cannot or should not become the 45th President of the United States.

The ‘faithless electors’

I call this “the latent” or “soft version” of “the popular vote” issue, according to which Trump cannot become President. It has been argued that, theoretically, Hillary Clinton can still get to the magic number of 270 electors, if she can get enough “faithless electors” (who chose either to abstain from voting or to vote “their conscience” and ignore the will of the voters they represent).

One can imagine that, encouraged by the results of the current “popular vote,” some electors might decide to do just that.

In reality, this will not happen because:

(a) There won’t be enough “faithless electors” to make up

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can culture—for the worse. Anti-immigrant sentiment is on the rise. Polls show American attitudes toward immigrants from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa are more negative than positive regardless of legal status.

Latinos are more likely to distrust law enforcement and not report crimes or cooperate with criminal investigations. One study published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine suggests Latino fear of police and deportation has gotten so bad that they are less likely to call 911 for an ambulance or emergency medical help during a heart attack—with potentially fatal consequences.

And hate crimes directed toward Mexicans and other Latinos are on the rise as well. More than 400 incidents of harassment and intimidation have been recorded by the Southern Poverty Law Center since Election Day. The leading target? Immigrants, with 136 such cases as of Monday.

Meanwhile, Trump’s attacks on the North American Free Trade Agreement or NAFTA could lead to a trade war and tariffs that will depress the Mexican economy and motivate more people to enter the U.S. illegally. If all that sounds confusing, bingo, you’ve got it about right. Mass deportations are unlikely, but mass hysteria over a bogus immigration threat? That may be closer to what’s in store for the country.

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the difference between the current 290 electoral votes won by Trump and the 228 won by Clinton (to date, the states of New Hampshire and Michigan are still counting their ballots). She will need a lot of Republican “faithless electors” to turn the table in her favor.

(b) Only 31 states out of 50 allow “faithless electors” to cast their vote (the rest of 29 states penalize them if they chose to do so).

(c) Even if a sufficient number of “faithless electors” can change radically the current situation (and there has not been any precedent in which they ever swung an election), the pre- (and also post-) Jan. 20 Republican-controlled U.S. Congress will vote to void these votes.

Questioning the fairness of the Electoral College system

I call this “the overt” or “hard version” of “the popular vote” issue, according to which Trump should not become President. The founding fathers created the Electoral College in order to avoid “the mob rule” of some populous states like California, New York, and Texas against the rest of the country. The current system favors the Republicans, who are in control of more numerous, but less populous, states, while the Democrats dominate the less numerous, but more populous, states.

By repeating “the popular vote,” the liberal pundits and their followers seem to suggest that the Electoral College should be abolished. They do not say this *verbatim*, but the anti-Trump rioters in several American cities appear to fight exactly for that. Of course, the issue is not new; just ask Al Gore about it. Trump himself blasted this system by tweeting “[t]he electoral college is a disaster for a democracy” when Mitt Romney lost the elections in 2012.

The liberal left is pushing the issue even further, suggesting through social media that states like California should secede. The U.S. Constitution is silent on the issue of state secession.

In 1860, 11 states attempted to secede from the Union and failed in a loss of the Civil War. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln approved West Virginia “secession” from Virginia. In 1869, the Supreme Court ruled in *Texas v. White* that individual states could not secede from the Union “except through

revolution or through consent of the States.”

‘Popular vote’ has not been won yet

It has been also argued, on the other hand, that Clinton’s much advertised lead in “the popular vote” might not hold. Main reasons:

(a) Clinton may win the number of counted votes, but not the number of votes cast (which include the absentee ballots). This is based on the principle that the absentee ballots are not counted if their number would not influence the election results (in the conditions in which more Republicans than Democrats vote by absentee ballots);

(b) Clinton’s lead is narrow (around 200,000 votes, compared with Al Gore’s 500,000 votes in 2000); it may dissipate, and is not final. Only 120 million out of 130 million votes have been counted so far, and states like Michigan and New Hampshire have not called their final results yet.

The reductio ad absurdum argument

Let’s put all these aside and pretend, for the sake of argument, that Hillary Clinton wins by “the popular vote” and there is no Electoral College. Here, I am giving all the die-hard Democrats this. What will happen next?

I will predict a “Confederate North-Eastern States of America” rebellion pushing for secession.

I would include here 11 “rebel states” (wouldn’t this be ironic?), from the “southern” Maryland up to the “northern” Maine (including DC and Virginia, but not New York). All of them small. All of them controlled by Democrats. All of them constantly complaining for their interests being crassly ignored by the Republican “Union.” And all of them ending up taking their 75 electoral votes with them. Is this the scenario the Left is prepared to pursue? And if the answer is affirmative, then I can only end with Clint Eastwood’s catchphrase: “Go ahead, make my day!”

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Nation needs the gift of hope right now

How beautiful it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity.—Psalm 133

I awoke early the day after the election, ironically, with this verse from Psalms running through my head, to a country swirling with emotion. I am sure for some it will take some time to unpack, to understand and to fully embrace. How are we to process the stark reality that we are not dwelling together in unity, that there are deep divisions in our country, and a presidential campaign espoused so much ugliness, vulgarity and division?

I know there are some in our community who are deeply afraid, angry, uncertain and perhaps mistrustful of our democracy, as I know there are others who feel the opposite. But this is the beauty and the pain of a representative democracy such as ours. We cannot love democracy only when the candidate we support wins and shun democracy when the opposite occurs. While we may not have a perfect system, it is ours and it worked as it has since the founding of the republic.

We will certainly ask ourselves, “What does it mean to affirm the government of the people, by the people, for the people?”

It depends on who you ask. And if you ask enough Americans you will see, as Boston University professor Stephen Prothero says, “that our nation rests not on agreement about its core ideas and values, but on a willingness to continue to debate them. What constitutes America, are ideas—a common commitment to key words such as “liberty,” “equality,” “constitutionalism,” and “republicanism.” In every generation our pluribus threatens to overtake our unum; in every generation the nation must be imagined anew ... The way to wisdom here lies not in affirming simple truths but in engaging in difficult discussions.”

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The particular power of the Jewish response to personal and national events is to exercise the greatest Jewish gift, the gift of hope. For even when we grieve, we are asked to praise God; even when times seem dark, and uncertain, we light a candle, imposing our will of brightness and possibility on the darkness. Because Hatikvah, the Hope that has always been our beacon, is a power that is stronger than any one moment in time.

What is needed now more than ever are the reservoirs of kindness and compassion to be called forth to vanquish the deep divisions that are so clearly evident. We cannot wait for our elected officials to do this. We must be the examples we seek.

Regardless of the candidate who received our votes, while some may grieve and some may dance, we must all recommit ourselves to bringing more love, more kindness, more compassion, more justice, more thoughtfulness, more care and more peace to each other every day. Our very country depends on that and depends on us being active and involved citizens.

We can and should do no less.

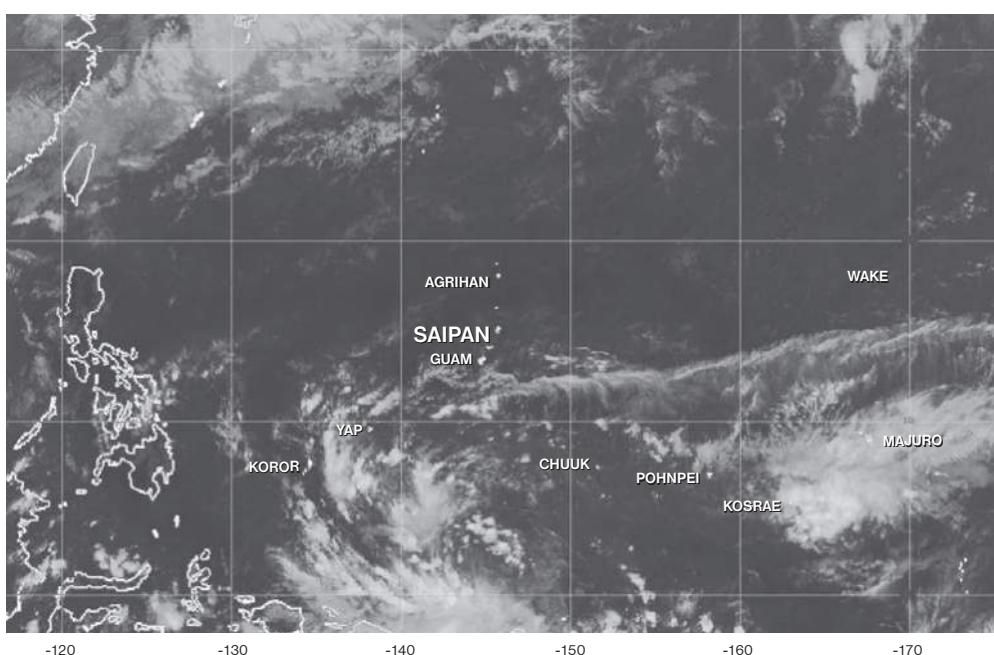
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:10 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mostly sunny skies and isolated showers will prevail across the Marianas today. Clouds will increase after sunset tonight. The GFS shows patches of showers passing over the Marianas tonight, and again from Wednesday night through Friday night. There is a possibility of brief periods of scattered showers at those times, although the predominant coverage should remain isolated. These shower events appear to be the result of weak trade-wind disturbances passing over the region.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▼	▲
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	83 / 87 °F
Palau	Afternoon clouds	82 / 88 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	79 / 86 °F
Chuuk	Partly sunny	79 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	79 / 84 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	81 / 87 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	81 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▼	▲
Auckland	Sunny	55 / 68 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	15 / 27 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	73 / 77 °F
Honolulu	Cloudy	72 / 77 °F
London	Morning clouds	49 / 54 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	49 / 67 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	78 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Mostly cloudy	54 / 66 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	64 / 75 °F
New York	Partly sunny	37 / 43 °F
Osaka	Partly sunny	55 / 67 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	49 / 54 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	37 / 58 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	54 / 66 °F
Salem	Light showers	44 / 50 °F
San Francisco	Cloudy	50 / 60 °F
Seoul	High level clouds	26 / 43 °F
Tokyo	Decreasing cloudiness	51 / 64 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	31 / 48 °F



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7:52 AM	LOW TIDE	0.24 Feet
3:02 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87 Feet
9:31 PM	LOW TIDE	0.82 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	12:20 AM	1:02 PM
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:2						

PHL Consulate General Mobile Outreach



A man gets his picture taken by a volunteer of the Philippine Consulate General during a mobile outreach held at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A man has his photo taken by a woman volunteering for the Philippine Consulate General's mobile outreach held at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A volunteer of the Philippine Consulate General assists a man in having his picture taken for the processing of his Philippine passport during the mobile outreach at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A man waits while a volunteer works on the processing of his Philippine passport during the Philippine Consulate General's mobile outreach held at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A man heads over to another station in order to make payments for the processing of his Philippine passport during the Philippine Consulate General's mobile outreach at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A volunteer of the Philippine Consulate General asks a man to approve his photo on his Philippine passport during the mobile outreach held at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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A volunteer of the Philippine Consulate General assists a nurse for the processing of his Philippine passport during the mobile outreach held at the DHL office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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Representatives of the Philippine Consulate General's mobile outreach pose for a photo during the outreach held at the DHL Office on Middle Road on Nov. 18.

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Business

Wal-Mart kicking off its Cyber Monday on Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Cyber Monday is starting earlier and earlier.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Monday that it's kicking off its so-called "Cyber Monday" deals at 12:01 a.m. EST Friday for the first time ever as it aims to grab customers ahead of its competitors.

Last year, the world's largest retailer pulled up the "Cyber Monday" deals to the Sunday evening after Thanksgiving for the first time.

Cyber Monday, which falls on the Monday after Thanksgiving, is typically the busiest day of the year for online shopping. The phrase was coined in 2005 by the National Retail Federation's online arm, Shop.org, to encourage online buying when people returned to

offices where they had high-speed Internet connections. Since then, the proliferation of smart phones has given shoppers constant Web access and now Cyber Monday is being used by retailers to pull in shoppers hungry for deals continually.

The push to start Cyber Monday deals earlier follows what's been happening with Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, which used to officially kick off the holiday shopping season in stores.

Over the past few years, retailers such as Wal-Mart, Macy's and Target have started the deals earlier into Thanksgiving. And they're now offering many of the same deals online as they do in stores on Thanksgiving.

This year, Wal-Mart, based



In this May 9, 2013, file photo, a worker pushes shopping carts in front of a Wal-Mart store in La Habra, Calif. AP

in Bentonville, Arkansas, is making Thanksgiving deals available online at 12:01

a.m. EST on the holiday, three hours earlier than last year. Wal-Mart is starting its deals at its stores at 6 p.m. on the turkey feast, the same time as last year.

Ravi Jariwala, a Wal-Mart spokesman, told The Associated Press that three out of the four customers it polled said that they wanted to shop

Cyber Monday deals earlier after the kickoff in stores.

The move comes as Wal-Mart aims to compete more aggressively with online leader Amazon.com. Wal-Mart reported last week that its online sales growth accelerated to 20.6 percent in the third quarter from its 11.8 percent pace in the prior

quarter. Wal-Mart's online business has been helped in part by its growth in product assortment. It now offers 23 million products online, nearly triple from last year's holiday shopping season.

ComScore predicts online spending on Cyber Monday will jump to \$3.5 billion from \$3.12 billion last year.

The firm's preliminary holiday shopping forecast is for online sales to rise as much as 19 percent to \$81 billion.

Aside from a dip the day after the contentious presidential election, there are no signs that shoppers' appetite for spending has been seriously weakened, said comScore analyst Andrew Lipsman. Another firm, Adobe Digital Insights, forecasts online sales will be up 11 percent to \$91.6 billion this holiday season.

Asia-Pacific summit closes with call to work for free trade

LIMA, Peru (AP) -- Leaders of 21 Asia-Pacific nations ended their annual summit Sunday with a call to resist protectionism amid signs of increased free-trade skepticism, highlighted by the victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum also closed with a joint pledge to work toward a sweeping new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to "sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth," despite the political climate.

"We reaffirm our commitment to keep our markets open and to fight against all forms of protectionism," the leaders of the APEC nations said in a joint statement.

APEC noted the "rising skepticism over trade" amid an uneven recovery since the financial crisis and said that "the benefits of trade and open markets need to be communicated to the wider public more effectively, emphasizing how trade promotes innovation, employment and higher living standards."

Speaking to journalists at the conclusion of the sum-

mit, Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the main obstacle to free trade agreements in Asia and around the world is the frustration felt by those left behind by globalization.

"Protectionism in reality is a reflection of tough economic conditions," said Kuczynski, the meeting's host.

Referring to Britain's vote to leave the European Union and Trump's election win in the U.S., he said those results highlighted the backlash against globalization in former industrial regions in the U.S. and Britain that contrasts with support for trade in more-prosperous urban areas and developing countries.

"This is an important point in recent economic history because of the outcome of various elections in very important countries that have reflected an anti-trade, anti-openness feeling," he said.

This was the last international summit for U.S. President Barack Obama and he had been expected to promote the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact, a 12-nation trade deal. But he is no longer expected to seek ratification by Congress before he

leaves office because of the election victory by Trump, who called the agreement a "disaster" for jobs.

Obama told reporters that the way to address income inequality and to create jobs is through crafting trade policy and agreements like the TPP in ways that will increase exports to the Pacific Rim countries that make up a third of the world's population.

"When it comes to trade, I believe the answer is not to pull back," he said at his last overseas news conference. "The answer is to do trade right, making sure it has strong labor standards, strong environmental standards—that it addresses ways in which workers and ordinary people can benefit rather than be harmed by global trade."

Questions about Trump trailed Obama throughout trip as anxious world leaders quizzed him on Trump's stances on key issues like trade, foreign policy and the NATO alliance. On his final day in Peru, Obama sought to reassure the leaders gathered here that their longstanding ties with the U.S. wouldn't falter under Trump.

Gas prices dip to US average of \$2.20 per gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average price of regular grade gasoline has fallen nationally to \$2.20 per gallon, a drop of 6 cents over the past two weeks.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg updated the figures Sunday, predicting that prices would continue inching down unless a meeting of

oil-producing nations later this month culminates in "a credible agreement to freeze or reduce" production.

A seasonal weakness in demand was one reason behind the early-November decline. Lundberg cited another influence: With autumn maintenance projects wrapping up, U.S. refiners are increasing

those factors combined to create the drop in average prices, despite a small rise in crude oil prices.

Gas in San Diego was most expensive in the continental U.S., at \$2.73 on average. The low average was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$1.78 per gallon.

Workplace crush has become 'unhealthy obsession'

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: A few weeks ago, I went on a date with one of my co-workers. "Ryan" and I became friends at work because we have a lot of shared interests. When Ryan said he was attracted to me and wanted to get to know me better, I agreed to go out with him.

On our date, Ryan was so sweet and romantic that I immediately became infatuated and wound up spending the night at his place. The next day he said we should go back to being friends because he's not ready for a relationship. I had already fallen in love with him, so I was heartbroken.

I have told Ryan that I can't sleep or eat because he's always on my mind. I know we could be happy together, but he says I need to move on. Although he has stopped replying to my texts and emails, I've noticed that he stands close to me when we're working together. How can I tell if he really isn't interested or is just playing hard to get?

A: First of all, this isn't love. This is an unhealthy obsession. And since obsessive ideas usually preclude rational thought, I doubt you will heed anything I say. Nevertheless, I will attempt to penetrate the fog of your infatuation.

Q: Ever since my co-worker went on medical leave, I have been drowning in work. No one knows how long she will be gone, so I have her responsibilities

for the foreseeable future. Because both of us were always busy, it's impossible to get everything done.

My supervisor has offered to assist, but she doesn't know how to do these tasks. We are not allowed to work overtime or bring in temporary help. What should I do now?

A: When the volume of work greatly exceeds the time available, the inevitable outcome is a drop in quality or quantity. But instead of allowing this to happen randomly, you need to have a chat with your boss about priorities.

Start by listing your duties in order of importance and then present them to your supervisor for review. Explain that while you have this dual workload, you want to ensure that the most critical tasks receive enough attention. If the two of you can agree on which duties are most and least important, you can put first things first and let the lesser ones slide.

Nation

Trump, Pence address potential of Romney, Mattis in Cabinet

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP)—President-elect Donald Trump said Sunday that he had “made a couple of deals” after spending the weekend meeting with a long list of potential administration appointees, but he did not reveal any more picks.

Trump and the vice president-elect, Mike Pence, did drop some hints. Pence said that Mitt Romney was “under active and serious consideration” to become the nation’s next secretary of state. Trump said retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was an “impressive” prospect for defense secretary.

“I think we have some really incredible people going to be working for the country,” Trump said Sunday evening. “We really had some incredible meetings. You’ll be hearing about them soon.”

Among the visitors to the white-pillared clubhouse Sunday were Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, billionaire investor Wilbur Ross and retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, the former commander of U.S.

San Antonio police officer is fatally shot while writing ticket

A San Antonio police officer writing out a traffic ticket to a motorist was shot to death in his squad car Sunday outside police headquarters by another driver who pulled up from behind, authorities said.

San Antonio police Chief William McManus identified the officer as Detective Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force.

McManus said the suspect had not been apprehended Sunday night. He said he doesn’t believe the man has any relationship to the original motorist who was pulled over, and no motive has been identified.

“We consider this suspect to be extremely dangerous and a clear threat to law enforcement officers and the public,” said McManus, who added that after the shooting officers had been instructed to not make traffic stops alone.

McManus said Marconi had pulled over a vehicle and while he was inside his squad car writing a ticket, a car pulled up behind him. The driver of that car got out, walked up to the officer’s driver-side window and shot Marconi twice in the head, then walked back to his car and drove away.

Marconi was pronounced dead at a hospital.

McManus said investigators are looking into all leads and motives, including whether it could be related to an officer-

Southern Command.

Between conversations, Trump revealed he was making plans for transitioning his family. He told reporters that his wife, Melania, and their 10-year-old son, Barron, would move to Washington when the school year ends.

And Trump turned to Twitter to share some of his thinking. In between criticisms of “Saturday Night Live,” the hit musical “Hamilton,” and Democrats, he wrote that, “General James ‘Mad Dog’ Mattis, who is being considered for secretary of defense, was very impressive yesterday. A true General!”

The comments were indications that Trump is looking outside his immediate circle as he works toward rounding out his foreign policy and national security teams. On Friday, he named a loyalist, retired Gen. Michael Flynn, as his national security adviser.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 GOP presidential contender,

and Trump exchanged bitter insults during the campaign, and Mattis has not been considered a Trump confidante. The appointment of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to lawmakers and others concerned about Trump’s hard-line positions on immigration and national security and his lack of foreign policy experience.

Trump told reporters Sunday that one of his most loyal and public allies, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was also a prospect for secretary of state “and other things.” Giuliani at one point had been considered for attorney general, but Trump gave that job to Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

The businessman and president-elect also apparently was considering options to lead the Commerce Department, meeting with Ross.

“Time will tell,” Ross told reporters when asked if he wanted a post.

More meetings are on Trump’s Monday schedule.

His transition team said former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry was expected to meet with Trump on Monday.

But even as Trump and his team discussed pressing issues

facing the country and how to staff the incoming administration, the president-elect’s Twitter feed suggested other issues too were on his mind.

His targets Sunday included retiring Democratic leader

Harry Reid. Trump tweeted that incoming Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, another media-savvy New Yorker, was “far smarter” than Reid and “has the ability to get things done.”



REFUELING STOP

President Barack Obama boards Air Force One during a refueling stop at Lajes Field, Azores on the island of Terceira, Friday, Nov. 18, 2016. Obama left Europe and is heading to South America to attend the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, taking place in Lima, Peru.

AP

St. Louis police officer shot in ‘ambush’ attack, chief says

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A St. Louis police sergeant was hospitalized in critical condition but expected to survive after being shot Sunday night in what the police chief called an “ambush.”

Police Chief Sam Dotson said the 46-year-old officer was shot twice in the face. The suspect got away and a massive search was underway.

“Fortunately for the blessing of God the officer’s going to survive,” Dotson said during a brief news conference after the shooting. He declined to name the officer but said he is a married father of three who has been with the department for about 20 years.

The officer was not involved in a call or a traffic stop but was sitting in traffic about 7:30 p.m. Sunday when another car pulled up alongside his marked police vehicle. The officer told police he heard at least two shots.

“This officer was driving down the road and was ambushed by an individual who pointed a gun at him from inside of his car and shot out the police officer’s window,” Dotson said.

Mayor Francis Slay said the officer did nothing to provoke an attack.

“He didn’t deserve this,”

Slay said. “It looks like he’s going to survive. He’s going to be OK. But this is traumatic. It’s traumatic for him, his family. It’s traumatic for the city of St. Louis. He was just doing his job.”

Police were looking for a silver car, which was all the description the wounded officer could recall. Helicopters, SWAT teams and scores of officers searched the south St. Louis neighborhood where the shooting occurred. Police were also looking for any surveillance video that may have captured the shooting.

The attack in St. Louis came on the same day a San Antonio

Alaskans vow pushback if Trump targets mountain’s new name

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA (AP)—Among Donald Trump’s many promises on his way to the White House was a tweeted vow to change the new name of North America’s tallest mountain back to Mount McKinley.

The Obama administration renamed the Alaska peak Denali in a symbolic gesture to Alaska Natives ahead of the president’s visit to the state last year.

Alaskans long have informally called the mountain Denali—the great one” in Athabascan. But the federal government recognized the name invoking the 25th president, William McKinley, who was born in Ohio and assassinated early in his second term.

McKinley never set foot in Alaska.

In his tweet, Trump called the name switch a “great insult to Ohio.”

But if he indeed moves to undo it, Trump can expect pushback from Alaskans.

“We wanted that change for a long time, and now we finally have it, and we need to leave it alone,” said Victor Joseph, president of Tanana Chiefs Conference, a consortium of 42 Athabascan tribes in Interior Alaska. The organization spent years advocating for what they consider the 20,310-foot peak’s original name.

“It was an insult to the first people of this land when they took away the name and gave it

to somebody else,” Joseph said.

It’s unclear at this early stage if Trump will take action. Changing the name would require a presidential executive order or an act of Congress, according to the federal board that oversees place names.

Troy Eid, chairman of the Indian Law and Order Commission and a member of Trump’s transition team, said in an email Tuesday he was not in a position to comment.

The three Republicans who make up Alaska’s congressional delegation either declined to comment or did not respond to requests for comment.

Alaska had a standing request with the federal government to rename the mountain dating to 1975, when a state board adopted the Denali name.

detective was fatally shot in his squad car while writing a traffic ticket by someone who pulled up from behind. Detective Benjamin Marconi, 50, was a 20-year veteran of the San Antonio department.

In July, a gunman in Dallas killed five officers who were working a protest about the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. Ten days later, a man killed three officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And earlier this month, two Des Moines, Iowa-area officers were fatally shot in separate ambush-style attacks while sitting in their patrol cars.

emergence of a recording of Trump making lewd comments about women—long advocated for the mountain’s Alaska Native name and thanked President Barack Obama for embracing it.

Republican Ohio Rep. Bob Gibbs slammed the name swap as Obama’s “constitutional overreach,” and said he would look at trying to prevent it. This week, his spokesman Dallas Gerber said Gibbs hasn’t decided what legislation he’ll introduce in the next Congress.

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Asia

Prosecutors: South Korea president conspired with friend

SEOUL, South Korea

(AP)—South Korean prosecutors said Sunday that they believe President Park Geun-hye conspired in criminal activities of a confidante who allegedly exploited her presidential ties to amass an illicit fortune—a damning revelation that may convince opposition parties to push for Park's impeachment.

Prosecutors want to interrogate Park in person, but presidential spokesman Jung Youn-kuk, who said the investigation resembled a "character assassination" on Park, strongly hinted that the president would continue to refuse

their questioning.

Prosecutors on Sunday formally charged the confidante, Park's longtime friend Choi Soon-sil, on suspicion of interfering with state affairs and bullying companies into giving tens of millions of dollars to foundations and businesses she controlled.

In a televised news conference, Lee Young-ryeol, chief prosecutor of the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office, said that based on the evidence, "the president was collusively involved in a considerable part of the criminal activities by suspects Choi Soon-sil, Ahn Jong-beom

and Jung Ho-sung." He was referring to two presidential aides who also were formally charged Sunday for allegedly helping Choi.

"However, because of the president's impunity from prosecution stated in Article 84 of the constitution, we cannot indict the president," Lee said. "The special investigation headquarters will continue to push for an investigation of the president based on this judgment."

Jung, the presidential spokesman, said details announced by Lee were "entirely untrue, and are just a tower built on sand, based on imagi-

nation and guesswork and ignorance of objective facts."

"We do not think that the prosecution's investigation so far has been fair and politically neutral," he said.

Jung said that the president plans to prove her innocence by "actively cooperating" with an independent investigation pushed by a special prosecutor. Park has immunity, but can be investigated.

The country's largest opposition party, the Minjoo, issued a statement Sunday calling for Park to immediately resign, saying that a "criminal suspect" should not be allowed to lead the country.

Park is facing growing calls to resign over a scandal that critics say has undermined the country's democracy. Although emboldened by a wave of mass protests, opposition parties have so far refrained from seriously pushing for Park's impeachment over fears of triggering a backlash from conservative voters and negatively impacting next year's presidential election.

However, there are growing voices within the opposition saying that an impeachment attempt is inevitable because it's unlikely Park will resign

and give up her immunity.

On Sunday, eight prominent leaders of the three parliamentary opposition parties gathered before issuing a joint statement calling for their parties to begin discussions on an impeachment push.

Ahn Jong-beom, Park's former senior secretary for policy coordination, was charged with abuse of authority, coercion and attempted coercion over allegations that he pressured companies into making large donations to foundations and companies Choi controlled.

► PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

Duterte to declare disputed area a no-fishing zone for all

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine official says President Rodrigo Duterte will issue a formal order declaring a sprawling lagoon in a disputed shoal a maritime sanctuary where Filipinos and Chinese will be prohibited from fishing. National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said in a statement Monday that Duterte relayed his plan to Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting on the sidelines of the just-concluded Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Peru. Cabinet officials present at the meeting say Xi did not say whether he agreed or not to Duterte's plan in the Scarborough Shoal. China seized Scarborough in 2012 after a tense standoff with the Philippines. Duterte's plan is delicate because it may imply Philippine territorial control in a strategic shoal, which China guards with coast guard ships.

Philippine court urged to order Marcos' remains exhumed

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Human rights victims who suffered during the regime of Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos have filed petitions asking the Supreme Court to order the exhumation of his remains that were buried Friday at the country's Heroes' Cemetery and to hold his heirs and officials involved in contempt for carrying out the burial before the court had heard final appeals against it. The petition filed Monday by former lawmaker Saturnino Ocampo and other activists urged the court to hold the heirs, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and two military officials in contempt for "the hasty, shady and tricky" burial of Marcos at the cemetery. It said they should be fined and detained for mocking the legal process that gives petitioners 15 days to appeal the court's Nov. 8 ruling.

Philippine leader lambastes US, others in West

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has lambasted the United States and other Western nations as bullies and hypocrites, while he praised Russia as a "great country" in his first meeting with his acknowledged idol, Russian leader Vladimir Putin. Talking on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in Peru, Duterte also gave Putin a scathing review of America's military endeavors in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Korean peninsula. He said the United States has given unequal treatment of the Philippines as a treaty ally and added that his country wants to engage more with Europe. Duterte told Putin that he previously has been identified with the Western world. But, he added:

"Of late, I see a lot of these Western nations bullying small nations. And not only that, they are into so much hypocrisy." An obviously elated Putin congratulated Duterte. He called the May 9 election that Duterte won "indeed a very bright day," noting it came on the Russian holiday marking victory over Nazi Germany. Putin said the Philippine leader has done much quickly in "developing the all-round partnership between our countries and with respect to promoting greater trust and confidence between us."

Rescuers finish search of Indian train wreck, 133 dead

PUKHRAYAN, India (AP)—Rescuers finished searching the last of 14 mangled train carriages that derailed in northern India, killing at least 133 people and leaving more than 200 injured, officials said Monday.

The passenger train was about midway through a 27-hour journey between the cities of Indore and Patna when it slid off the tracks at 3:10 a.m. Sunday, jolting awake passengers.

The impact was so strong that one of the coaches landed on top of another, crushing the one below. Passengers said they heard the crash as they were flung from their beds.

"There was a loud sound like an earthquake. I fell from my berth and a lot of luggage fell over me," Ramchandra Tewari, who suffered a head injury, said from his hospital bed in the city of Kanpur. "I thought I was dead, and then I passed out."

Rescue workers, soldiers and members of India's disaster management force worked through the night to pull out people trapped amid the twisted metal and overturned coaches near Pukhrayan, a village outside the industrial city



Rescuers work at the site after 14 coaches of an overnight passenger train rolled off the track near Pukhrayan village in Kanpur Dehat district of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, India, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

of Kanpur about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

Rescuers used cutting torches to pry open cars and cranes to lift coaches from the tracks, moving carefully to prevent any cars from toppling over and injuring those trapped inside.

By Monday morning, they

had searched the last of the 14 wrecked cars, finding several more bodies that took the death toll to at least 133, according to local police Inspector General Zaki Ahmad.

Roughly 226 others were hurt, including 76 with serious injuries, Ahmad said. Medical teams provided first aid near the site, while those in more

serious condition were moved to hospitals in Kanpur.

Anxious relatives searched for their family members among the injured and the dead at hospitals in Kanpur.

Rail authorities ordered an investigation into what caused the derailment. Some told local media they suspected faulty tracks.

Malaysia Flight 370 families to hunt for debris in Africa

UALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP)—The families of those onboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 said Monday they will mount a debris-hunting trip to Madagascar to search for clues to what happened to the missing plane.

Investigators have identified six pieces of wreckage to have either definitely or almost certainly come from the jet, which vanished with 239 people while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing in March 2014.

Voice 370, a family association, said the debris collected so far has all been found off

Africa's east coast.

"Despite these hugely important finds, there has been no systematic, organized search by any responsible party. This leaves the (next-of-kin) no other choice except to take it upon ourselves to do something to find answers and closure," it said in a statement.

An ongoing search in the southern Indian Ocean, where the plane is believed to have crashed, has been fruitless and could be suspended soon.

Grace Subathirai Nathan, whose mother Anne Daisy was on the flight, said she will

be going to Madagascar with three other Malaysians, two Chinese and a French next-of-kin. She said the group is financing the Dec. 3 to Dec. 11 trip from their own pockets.

"We hope to mobilize the fishing villagers and coastal population to be on the constant lookout for new debris that could become new credible evidence," she told The Associated Press.

The Voice 370 statement said the seven-member team will focus their search along high potential sites based on drift modeling, largely focusing in areas on and around Ile

Saint Marie, a tropical island off Madagascar's east coast.

The group said they may set up an incentive system using their own funds to encourage the search for debris, and will aim to set up a notification system and local collection point for potential aircraft debris.

So far, none of the six pieces of debris has helped narrow down the precise location of the main underwater wreckage. Investigators need to find that in order to locate the flight data recorders that could help explain why the plane veered so far off course.

World

Exclusive footage shows airstrike hitting Aleppo hospital

BEIRUT (AP)—Footage obtained by The Associated Press shows the moment a children's hospital in northern Syria was hit by an airstrike.

The exclusive CCTV video shows the interior and exterior of the pediatric facility in rebel-held eastern Aleppo, as it was hit by the bomb on Friday.

The Syrian government has stepped up its bombardment of besieged eastern Aleppo - an onslaught that began last week when Syr-

ia's ally Russia announced its own offensive on opposition-controlled parts of the country. Since then, more than 100 people have been killed across northern Syria.

On Friday alone, airstrikes hit four hospitals in east Aleppo, effectively rendering all hospitals in the enclave of 275,000 people out of service, according to the opposition's Aleppo Health Directorate and the World Health Organization.

The dramatic footage shows what appears to be a waiting room at the hospital as people milled about, including nurses in blue uniforms. The airstrike then hits, turning the room into a swirl of gray dust.

Another CCTV camera shows what appears to be the

street outside the hospital before the attack. A man is seen walking on the street. A second later, there is a huge explosion and an orange fireball.

The footage was provided by the Independent Doctors Association, a Turkey-based NGO founded by Syrian doc-

tors supporting a number of medical facilities in Aleppo.

The head of the pediatric hospital, who identifies himself only by his first name of Hatem, said the waiting room that appears in the video was underground.

"Thank God, the basement

is what protected us against any of our staff or patients getting injured," he told AP in a series of text messages. "We can't go deeper than this. Currently we have suspended operations as we search for an alternative location for the hospital."

Iraqi forces dig in as Mosul battle rages



This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows Civil Defense workers using a drill to dig through rubble in search for victims in Aleppo, Syria, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016.

AP

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)—The Catholic Church in Rwanda apologized on Sunday for the church's role in the 1994 genocide, saying it regretted the actions of those who participated in the massacres. "We apologize for all the wrongs the church committed. We apologize on behalf of all Christians for all forms of wrongs we committed. We regret that church members violated (their) oath of allegiance to God's commandments," said the statement by the Conference of Catholic Bishops, which was read out in parishes across the country. The statement acknowledged that church members planned, aided and executed the genocide, in which over 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by Hutu extremists. In the years since the genocide—which was sparked by a contentious plane crash that killed the then-president, a Hutu—the local church had resisted efforts by the government and groups of survivors to acknowledge the church's complicity in mass murder, saying those church officials who committed crimes acted individually. Many of the victims died at the hands of priests, clergymen and nuns, according to some accounts by survivors, and the Rwandan government says many died in the churches where they had sought refuge.

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi troops on Sunday fortified their positions in Mosul neighborhoods retaken from the Islamic State group as their advance toward the city center was slowed by sniper fire and suicide bombings, as well as concern over the safety of civilians.

"The biggest hindrance to us is the civilians, whose presence is slowing us down," Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the special forces told The Associated Press. "We are soldiers who are not trained to carry out humanitarian tasks."

A few hundred civilians emerged from rubble-strewn front-line neighborhoods on Sunday. They included women and children, some of them carrying bags, small suitcases or waving white flags. Mosul is still home to more than 1 million people.

The government sent half-dozen trucks loaded with food aid into the recently liberated areas. Chaos broke out in one neighborhood, where residents climbed on top of the trucks and began helping themselves. Women extended their hands in desperation, try-

ing to get a share of the aid. Young boys chased the trucks and jostled and pleaded for food packages.

"It's hunger that makes people behave like this," said Mohammed Farouq, a 27-year-old resident. "Some families took many boxes, while others did not take any. This is unfair."

Fethi Mahmud Abdulla, another resident, pleaded for people to keep the lines. "People are tired, so tired. Some of them take aid five or seven times," he said.

Al-Aridi said his men were

Obama: I'll push back on Trump if needed to defend US ideals

LIMA, Peru (AP)—President Barack Obama said Sunday he doesn't intend to become his successor's constant critic—but reserved the right to speak out if President-elect Donald Trump or his policies breach certain "values or ideals."

Offering a rare glimpse into his thoughts on his post-presidency, Obama suggested once he was out of office he would uphold the tradition of ex-presidents stepping aside quietly to allow their successors space to govern. He heaped praise on former President George W. Bush, saying he "could not have been more gracious to me when I came in" and said he wanted to give Trump the same chance to

pursue his agenda "without somebody popping off" at every turn.

But Obama suggested there may be limits to his silence.

"As an American citizen who cares deeply about our country, if there are issues that have less to do with the specifics of some legislative proposal or battle or go to core questions about our values and ideals, and if I think that it's necessary or helpful for me to defend those ideals, I'll examine it when it comes," Obama told reporters.

Obama, who has consistently praised Bush for the way he's handled his ex-presidency, faces a conundrum about how to handle his own. Though he's vowed to ensure

a smooth handover of power, Obama is keenly aware he's being replaced by a new president who holds antithetical views on issue after issue.

The president spoke out vigorously throughout the campaign against Trump's calls for banning Muslim immigrants, deporting millions of people living in the U.S. illegally, repealing "Obamacare," and canceling the Paris climate deal, to name a few. Those policy proposals and others like them have stoked fear for many Americans who oppose Trump and are hoping vehement opposition from Obama and other Democrats might prevent Trump from implementing them.

Though Obama didn't spec-

ify what might trigger him to break silence, he left himself a broad window of possibilities. His comments suggested he'd be most inclined to weigh in if Trump violated basic principles Obama has tried to uphold, such as minority rights, equal protection and respect for civilian life. Obama has long warned that Trump might impulsively use nuclear weapons, and has cast a dim view on ideas like a Muslim registry, which Trump's incoming chief of staff declined on Sunday to rule out.

Yet Obama suggested that while he might not always hold his tongue, his goal wasn't to spend his time publicly disparaging his replacement.

Focus

Trump children's roles blur line between transition, company



Jared Kushner and his wife Ivanka Trump walk through the lobby of Trump Tower in New York, Friday, Nov. 18, 2016.



Donald Trump Jr., right, and Eric Trump, center, get on an escalator in the lobby of Trump Tower, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)— Nearly every morning since their father's stunning victory on Election Day, three of Donald Trump's grown children walk through the Trump Tower lobby and board an elevator. But are Don Jr., Ivanka and Eric going to the campaign office on the fifth floor? Their business offices on the 25th floor? The president-elect's penthouse on the 56th floor?

That uncertainty highlights the multiple roles the children play for their father. For the past year, the lines were constantly blurred between political campaign and business empire, raising questions about a possible conflict of interest between Trump's White House and his sprawling business interests.

The children are poised to wield incredible influence over their father, even if they don't follow him to Washington. Trump said consistently during the campaign that if he won, those children would stay in New York and run his business. But the three—plus Ivanka's husband, Jared Kushner—were all named to the transition team's executive committee.

So far, they've been heavily involved in shaping the new administration. They've sat in on meetings and taken late night calls from their father. They advocated for making Reince Priebus, the Republican National Committee chairman, the White House chief of staff. They counseled against bringing back Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, who was fired in June on their advice.

On Thursday, Ivanka Trump

and Kushner were present for the president-elect's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Trump Tower.

Trump has insisted he will build a wall between his White House and his company by placing his holdings into a blind trust, but with his children as its trustees. Federal requirements are that independent outsiders run such trusts.

"We are in the process of vetting various structures with the goal of the immediate transfer of management of The Trump Organization and its portfolio of businesses to Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump as well as a team of highly skilled executives," Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said. She said the structure "will comply with all applicable rules and regulations."

Trump's company would be the largest business portfolio to belong to a modern sitting president. Federal ethics rules would allow Trump to run his business interests from the White House, or, perhaps more likely, influence decisions made by his children.

That raises conflict of interest concerns. For example, Trump could set domestic policy while making deals abroad that could affect his corporation, even if it were technically in his children's hands.

Kellyanne Conway, a senior adviser, disputed the idea that the Trump children's involvement in the transition could lead to a breach of trust.

"You're presuming that they are doing certain things that they should not be doing," Conway said. "They are his children. And they've been his business colleagues for a long period of time. They obviously will support their father as president."



Eric Trump, son of President-elect Donald Trump, arrives at Trump Tower, Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, in New York.

But the potentially problematic entanglement revealed itself this past week when Ivanka Trump's company promoted a \$10,800 bracelet she wore during a "60 Minutes" interview on CBS. The spokeswoman for the company later apologized.

The children—they were not made available for interviews—are limited in what formal role they could take in a Trump administration.

Congress passed an anti-nepotism law in 1967 that prohibits the president from appointing a family member to work in the office or agency they oversee. The measure was passed as a reaction to President John F. Kennedy appointing his brother Robert as attorney general.

But the law does not appear to prevent the children—or Kushner, who is one of Trump's closest aides and is said to be weighing a White House role—from serving as unpaid advisers or providing informal counsel.

The three grown children—their mother is Ivana Trump, Trump's first wife—delivered

kids, there were bumps in the road.

Eric and Ivanka were the subject of some embarrassing headlines when it was revealed that they were not registered to vote in time for their father in the New York primary. An African big-game safari Eric and Don Jr. took drew criticism from animal rights activists. And Don Jr. has received criticism for tweeting images likening Syrian refugees to a poisoned bowl of Skittles candy and a cartoon character appropri-

ated by white supremacists.

But now they stand poised to be the most influential presidential children in decades, as recent White House offspring have been far younger than the eldest Trump children, who are all in their 30s. During the campaign, Eric Trump insisted that the children's main focus "was the company," but "we'd always be one phone call away" if needed, the younger Trump told The Associated Press in May. "We'd do anything for the man."

A look at Donald Trump's 5 children

NEW YORK (AP)—A look at President-elect Donald Trump's five children:

Donald Trump Jr.

Age: 38
Mother: Ivana Trump
Personal: Married with five children

Campaign Role: Spoke at Republican National Convention; made frequent campaign appearances and interviews for his father.

Mother: Ivana Trump
Personal: Married
Trump Organization Title:

Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions

Campaign Role: Spoke at Republican National Convention; made frequent campaign appearances and interviews for his father.

Tiffany Trump

Age: 23
Mother: Marla Maples
Personal: Graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2016
Trump Organization Title:

Campaign Role: Spoke at Republican National Convention

Mother: Ivana Trump
Personal: Married with three children

Trump Organization Title: Executive Vice President of Development & Acquisitions

Campaign Role: Spoke at Republican National Convention, helped craft campaign's family leave and child care policies.

Ivanka Trump

Age: 35
Mother: Ivana Trump
Personal: Married with three children

Trump Organization Title: Executive Vice President of Development & Acquisitions

Barron Trump

Age: 10
Mother: Melania Trump
Personal: student at private school in Manhattan

Trump Organization Title: N/A

Campaign Role: Appeared on stage at Republican National Convention and father's election night speech.

Eric Trump

Age: 32

Overdrive

Why the new car model year is ahead of time

By JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—Automakers use the model year to distinguish new vehicles sporting the latest updates in technology, styling, creature comforts and options. But why are new models born in the future, with model year 2018 vehicles introduced in 2016, for example? Finding the answer is like finding Waldo.

There are a variety of theories regarding who or what initiated the model year. While Henry Ford helped create the auto industry in the early 1900s, a tip of the hat goes to the nation's farmers for playing a role.

"The automotive model year started back in the teens. Farmers would harvest their crops and sell them every fall, and that's when they had enough cash in their pockets to go out and buy a car. And that's how the model year started, and eventually that's how the fall introduction of new cars started," says John Wolkonowicz, an independent auto analyst and historian in Boston.

Also contributing was weather.

"In the early days, assembly plants in northern states had trouble with lighting and heating in the winter months," says Bob Kreipke, Ford Motor Co. historian, "so they mostly produced in the summer months and then put the cars out for sale in the fall."

Following World War II,

the industry settled on Oct. 1 as the start of the model year, Wolkonowicz said, and it was subsequently recognized as the time new cars and new features arrived annually.

"The new model year in the '50s and '60s was designed to bring excitement in cars. Cars were shipped to dealers covered in canvas tarps and dealer showroom windows were painted over to hide the cars until preview night. Dealers had parties in their stores on the night the new cars were shown for the first time," Wolkonowicz said.

Thus the end of the year felt like a new year for cars.

The new model year conveniently coincided with the TV industry's new fall season, giving consumers a double treat each fall, new cars replacing the old ones and new TV shows replacing summer-long reruns. Chevrolet took advantage of the new cars/new TV shows timing by introducing its new model cars to the public on the 1965 fall season opening episode of "Bonanza," the highest rated TV show at the time, the night before the cars were seen in showrooms.

Another factor that influenced the annual model change was federal safety, emission and fuel economy mandates in the 1960s and 1970s that forced automakers to not only focus on new technology and innovation, but on the timetables set to meet them. As government regulations increased, development



Members of the public mill about during the Chicago Auto Show Saturday on Feb. 14, 2015 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Ill.

ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TNS

costs skyrocketed.

"The cost of regulations is one reason the model cycle (from introduction to a replacement version) moved from what had been three years to what has become five to six years. And it's why there aren't as many new cars introduced each model year today as there had been in the past," said Joe Phillipi, president of AutoTrends, an automotive research and consulting firm in New Jersey.

The three-year model cycle meant modest changes and upgrades in each of three consecutive years before the vehicle was replaced with a totally redesigned next generation successor that prompted consumers to buy again. Crit-

ics called it "planned obsolescence" motivated by the desire to make lots of money.

"The industry needed time to develop the items to meet the regulations, because it takes more time to install a rearview camera than it does to simply add a tail fin," said Kreipke, in defense of the longer model cycle. "The industry also needed longer time to make money on the vehicles after adding costly government-mandated systems. With a three-year cycle you wouldn't reach break-even on the cost of regulations in three years. There's a saying in the industry that the first vehicle off the line costs \$20 million and it takes at least three years to get that down to \$20,000 so

you can make some money."

Since photos of new model year vehicles appear in magazines and newspapers, as well as being seen in person at auto shows months before going on sale, the new model year has lost some thunder, but still attracts a special breed of buyers.

"There are buyers who purchase a new car at the start of the model year to be first with the newest before anyone else—like their neighbors," said Phillipi. "This is why cars in showrooms at the start of the model run are loaded with all the options, because the industry knows the newest buyers are the type who will step up to pay to get the car first."

Another group of consum-

ers concentrate on money spent or saved.

"Many consumers, especially young ones, pay little attention to the model year cadence," says Jerry Cizek, retired president of the Chicago Automobile Trade Association which produces the annual Chicago Auto Show.

In keeping with the adoption of a model year cycle, automakers have adopted a marketing cycle that pits the newest model year one to two years ahead of the calendar year.

The newest model year vehicles typically debut on the auto circuit to begin motivating both consumer awareness as well as interest—Los Angeles in November, Detroit in January, Chicago in February and New York in April. Sometimes the automakers show concepts still more than a year from possible production, with consumer reaction to the vehicles at the show used to measure what tweaks need to be made—and whether consumers even want the vehicle.

More automakers are shifting away from world debuts at auto shows, where dozens of new cars can be revealed in a day, to singular events removed from the crowded auto show cycle. Chevrolet introduced the 2018 Equinox crossover at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago this September, for instance, and Honda revealed the 2017 CR-V crossover at a produce market in Detroit this October.

MOTORING Q&A

Yes, your anti-lock braking system might be making that noise

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I'm having a recurring problem with my 2013 Chevy Impala with 31,000 miles on it. I'll go for months without any occurrences and then it may happen five times in one week. It's a loud, scraping, grinding noise that lasts only a second or two and is coming from the left front tire area. The noise is similar to the anti-lock braking system kicking in during a slide. It happens after I've backed out of my driveway or parking spot and I'm starting to go forward. Since it happens so quickly, I haven't noticed any messages or warning lights on the dash. There's no evidence of tires scrap-

ing in the wheel well and it doesn't sound like a drum-rotor screech. Does this sound like an impending safety issue?

A: You may well be hearing the initialization process of the electronic brake control module. Once per ignition cycle, the EBCM activates the module's solenoids to ensure proper operation and readiness. The quick initialization will occur during one of two circumstances—when the EBCM detects at least 500 rpm and the brake pedal is not applied, or vehicle speed is more than 10 mph and the brakes are applied. The initialization will sound and feel like ABS activation because that's exactly what it is.

Since the noise appears to specifically be originating in

the left front, check the wires and connections for the left front wheel speed sensor. Anything—water, frayed wires, debris, etc.—interrupting the signal from this sensor may cause the ABS to activate. It might be worth having a scan tool check for EBCM fault codes.

Q: I am the original owner of a 1996 Ford Ranger with a 4-liter engine and 305,000 miles. I change the oil every 5,000 miles and the engine does not burn oil. Amazing. The owner's manual does not address timing chain replacement. What are the chances I can get another 100,000 miles out of the engine without experiencing failure of the original timing chain?

A: The 4-liter V-6 engine in your Ranger is fitted with

a steel roller timing chain, not a rubber-fabric belt. No maintenance is required nor is there a replacement interval recommended. In most cases, timing chains are "life of the engine" components. At 305,000 miles your "life of the engine" is exceptional and reflects excellent preventive maintenance and a conservative driving style.

Will you get another 100,000 miles from the engine? No one can predict or guarantee engine life, but with such high mileage almost any significant mechanical failure would likely be "end of life" for the vehicle, much less the engine.

A worn timing chain or gears will tend to begin making noise well before complete failure. As the chain and gears wear, more and more slack develops in the chain. This

can lead to the chain rubbing on the inside of the timing cover, generating a distinctive rattling sound. A mechanic's stethoscope or long rod pressed against the timing cover—with all due safety and care—can readily confirm worn timing components needing replacement.

Congrats on the amazing mileage you gotten from your Ranger. Keep doing what you've been doing and hopefully you'll see 400,000 on the odometer someday.

Q: I have a 2005 Dodge Dakota with 55,000 miles on it. The tires are original, with good tread. I'm wondering if I should replace the tires due to their age. What about the spare? It has never been on the truck.

A: As long as you see no signs of weather-checking on the sidewalls or any other vi-

sual issues, the tires would appear to be serviceable. However, if the remaining tread depth is less than 4/32nds to 5/32nds of an inch, it's time for new tires. Leave the spare as the spare. Even if you purchase the exact same tires as replacement, the difference in age and date of manufacture likely make the spare a poor match for new tires.

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Life & Style

Drake, Bieber win big, Selena Gomez gets emotional at AMAs

By MESFIN FEKADU

AP MUSIC WRITER

The 2016 American Music Awards featured a number of pop stars strumming their guitars, Drake making a rare awards show appearance, an emotional speech from Selena Gomez and political moments about President-elect Donald Trump.

Drake, who has skipped his fair share of awards shows in recent years, was the big winner with four awards and debuted a new commercial for Apple Music.

"For our genre, I just like to keep things excited and keep making music. Shout out to everybody that's trying to do the same thing," said Drake, who broke Michael Jackson's record for most AMA nominations after scoring 13 nominations.

Bieber, who performed from his tour in Zurich, Switzerland, also won four awards.

Gomez, who lost artist of the year to Ariana Grande but won favorite female artist—pop/rock, gave a heartfelt speech onstage that earned a loud applause from the audience at the Microsoft Theater

in Los Angeles.

"I think it's safe to say that most of you know a lot of my life whether I liked it or not, and I had to stop, 'cause I had everything, and I was absolutely broken inside. And I kept it all together to where I never let you down. But I kept it too much together where I let myself down," said 24-year-old Gomez, who recently took time off to treat depression and anxiety.

"I don't want to see your bodies on Instagram. I want to see what's in here," she added, pointing to her heart. "And I have to say thank you so much to my fans because you guys are so damn loyal, and I don't know what I did to deserve you. If you are broken, you don't have to stay broken."

Grande was shaking onstage as she collected artist of the year at the fan-voted show that aired live on ABC, beating Adele, Rihanna, Carrie Underwood and Bieber. "With or without this, I love you from the bottom of my heart," she said to her fans.

Green Day was one of many big-named acts promoting new albums at the AMAs,

including Bruno Mars, the Weeknd, Lady Gaga, Sting, John Legend and The Chainsmokers. But Green Day got political during their performance of "Bang Bang" as band leader Billie Joe Armstrong sang "No KKK, no fascist USA, no Trump" during the show.

The show's hosts—former "Saturday Night Live" comic Jay Pharaoh and model Gigi Hadid—also mentioned the Trump family when telling jokes: After Pharaoh impersonated Jay Z, Hadid acted like Melania Trump.

"I love my husband, President Barack Obama, and our children, Sasha and Malia," she said, scrunching up her face.

Strumming guitars while singing was one of the night's themes: One Direction's Niall Horan slowed things down for his acoustic-folk solo single, "This Town"; James Bay sang his smoky single, "Let It Go"; and Shawn Mendes performed his hit "Treat You Better" and switched to piano for the achingly "Mercy."

But the best singer-guitarist was Gaga, who beautifully belted the lyrics to her latest



Drake accepts the award for favorite album rap/hip-hop for "Views" at the American Music Awards at the Microsoft Theater on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, in Los Angeles. AP

single, "Million Reasons." She earned a rousing applause from the audience.

Sting also impressed, who performed "Message In A Bottle," "Every Breath You

"American music lit the musical spark in my young mind," the English singer said after his performance. "My musical soul is all American!"

Other highlights included double winners twenty one pilots and Mars, who kicked off the AMAs with his groovy hit, "24K Magic," backed by his band who matched his slick, upbeat dance moves.

Grande and Nicki Minaj got steamy during their performance of the reggae-tinged "Side to Side". Grande's background dancers danced closely on her, and one male dancer even pulled up her skirt, while Minaj, who rapped from a chair, spread her legs widely.

Other performers included Maroon 5 with Kendrick Lamar; DJ Khaled with Minaj, Future, Rick Ross and August Alsina; and Fifth Harmony, who won collaboration of the year for "Work from Home" with Ty Dolla \$ign.

Prince's 1984 "Purple Rain" album, which gained new attention after his death in April, won top soundtrack. His sister, Tyka Nelson, collected his trophy onstage and cried as she spoke to the audience.

Why Bruno Mars believes clothes make the album

NEW YORK (AP)—When Bruno Mars was in the studio crafting his upbeat, funky new album, he had a dress code: Wear your finest clothes, and leave your sloppy sweatpants at the door.

He said dressing up set to the mood so that he and his collaborators could write and produce groovy, smooth and soulful songs that make up "24K Magic," his first album in four years.

"I made it a point: I'm showing up to the studio, we're working, but I'm not showing up in sweats 'cause you're going to get what sweats sounds like ... so I'm going to wear every jewelry piece I collected, and my finest shoes, and write some songs," Mars said. "It just helped keep the motion (going)."

His swag and style—a curly, mini Afro, silky Versace shirt, classic shorts, slick shoes and a studded pinky ring—match the sound of "24K Magic," an epic '90s R&B-inspired album that plays like a cohesive jam session. It will be released Friday.

Mars, 31, said the album was inspired by his love for R&B acts like New Edition, Boyz II Men and Jodeci, as well as West Coast rap (DJ Quik came to the studio to

give him a flexatone, the percussion instrument, to use on the album).

"The spirit of this album, growing up in the '90s, is to me the most joyous (time) for me. That's my childhood. That's what I grew up on," he said. "I love DJ Quik, Suga Free, Too Short, E-40, Dr. Dre of course, Snoop, and that's because these songs, they influenced hip-hop, these '70s funk songs, but it took place in the '90s and that's why you had this soulful music with a superstar rapping on it. For me, it was all about the live show and the kind of party I want to throw."

"That is the spirit we were hoping to capture on this album, and that rhythm is not as popular on radio right now," he added.

Mars says the trendy sound that some of his peers have adopted—downbeat, alternative R&B—isn't him.

"See, when I grew up you had to know how to dance, that was the whole thing. Everybody danced, thugs are dancing, the girls ain't looking at you unless you're dancing," he said on a couch in the finely decorated and hip Atlantic Records office in New York City. "I remember having so much fun growing up going



In this Nov. 6, 2016 file photo, Bruno Mars performs during the MTV European Music Awards 2016, in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Mars' newest album, "24K Magic," comes out on Friday, Nov. 18. AP

to functions and dancing, having a good time. People see me and my band do what we do and I'm just trying to push that even now more so on this album than the last two. It's like, 'We got to be moving'—that's it."

Then he adds: "And I'm being mean about the R&B stuff.

went on to become a solo star with his debut, "Doo-Wops & Hooligans," as well as its follow-up, 2012's "Unorthodox Jukebox." He won Grammys for both multi-platinum albums.

They helped him headline the 2014 Super Bowl—an accomplishment no other artist achieved so early in their career—and the success of last year's "Uptown Funk" brought him to the big game for a second time last February.

"What's really helped us—and I don't think a lot of producers have the luxury of, have the privilege of—is being able to be in the studio recording an album and then going out and performing it," said Philip Lawrence, who performs in Mars' band and has also co-written and co-produced with the pop star since he became a household name.

"We got two different vantage points: We got the sitting in the studio laboring over songs for hours and days and weeks, and then we get to take whatever that energy is and put it in front of people. And when you do that it gives you the opportunity to see what works, what doesn't work, what could be better, what could be improved on."

Mars' dance routines have

gotten attention because they are slick, hip and, at times, hilarious. He started working with Phil Tayag of the hip-hop dance crew Jabbawockeez for "Uptown Funk" and continued to work with the dancer for his latest project and tour ("The 24K Magic World Tour" kicks off next March and Mars will open Sunday's American Music Awards in Los Angeles).

"We'd link up and just start moving and see who could make each other laugh first," Mars said of the choreography.

That was also the mood he had in the studio while writing his new album: "If we can make each other laugh, that should mean something."

The only guest on the album is Halle Barry, whose voice appears on the irresistibly smooth "Calling All My Lovelies." R&B icon Babyface lends a hand to the closing track, the slow groove "Too Good to Say Goodbye," and T-Pain co-wrote the catchy "Straight Up & Down," which uses parts of the 1993 hit "Baby I'm Yours" by R&B group Shai.

Mars said when he first played his label the new music, they were hesitant about the sound.

"It's not really 'When I see your face...,'" Mars said, singing the hook to his past hit, "Just the Way You Are."

West rants about Trump, Beyoncé, then cancels Sunday concert

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Just days after telling fans at a concert that he would have voted for Donald Trump, Kanye West delivered another public screed before abruptly ending a concert in Northern California, then canceled a performance Sunday in the Los Angeles area.

Captured on video by concert-goers Saturday night in Sacramento, West in an over 10-minute tirade told the audience he was on his “Trump (expletive) tonight.” He talked about Beyoncé, Jay Z, Hillary Clinton, Mark Zuckerberg, the radio and MTV at the stop of his Saint Pablo Tour.

Fans in attendance said on social media that West played only a few songs before end-

ing the show abruptly after only 30 minutes. The angry audience booted, and many are seeking refunds for the aborted show. Some paid around \$250 for a pair of tickets.

On Sunday night, Ticketmaster announced that West’s show at the Forum in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood, California, was cancelled. The ticket vendor gave no explanation for the cancellation.

Saturday’s outburst and truncated show became a hot topic on Twitter and other social platforms Sunday morning, as amateur videos circulated of West’s rant where, among other things, he said he was hurt because he heard Beyoncé refused to perform at the MTV Video Music

Awards unless she won Video of the Year over him. He also urged her husband Jay Z to call him and “talk to me like a man.”

West took aim at radio stations for playing the same stuff “over and over and over,” too and also addressed Hillary Clinton.

“It’s a new world, Hillary Clinton, it’s a new world,” West said. “Feelings matter. Because guess what? Everybody in middle America felt a way and they showed you how they felt. Feelings matter, bro.”

The performer said he was putting his life, career and “public well-standing” at risk by talking to the fans in the audience “like this,” adding that his Saint Pablo tour “is the

most relevant (expletive) happening.”

He continued: “I am here to change things. And things won’t change until people ad-

mit their own falsehoods. I got the visions, bro. That’s what I’ve been blessed with. My vision. I’m not always going to say things the perfect way,

the right way. But I’m going to say how I feel.”

West’s representatives did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Jennifer Lopez duets with Marc Anthony at Latin Grammys

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Jennifer Lopez surprised guests at the 17th annual Latin Grammy Awards Thursday when she performed with and presented an award to her ex-husband Marc Anthony.

She described the father of her 8-year-old twins as “a living legend” as she presented Anthony with the Latin Grammy Awards’ Person of the Year prize.

“Marc, you are a living legend who has laid bare your heart and soul on your musical journey,” Lopez said in Spanish.

ish. “We’ve learned so much and we’ve grown so much, and you’ve always been so many things in my life: my mentor, a twin soul, a father who’s not only the Person of the Year, he’s the person of all time.”

The audience cheered, “Kiss! Kiss! Kiss” and the former couple obliged with a small peck.

Anthony and Lopez were wed from 2004 to 2011. He has been married to Venezuelan model Shannon De Lima since 2014.

Anthony, who was feted in

a separate ceremony Wednesday, dedicated his award to his five children, whom he said have “sacrificed more than anyone” for his career. He also dedicated the prize to “all those people who told me I would never make it.”

Lopez and Anthony performed “Olvidame y Pega la Vuelta” together Thursday. Anthony also sang his hit “I Need to Know.” The former couple also appeared together recently at a campaign rally for Hillary Clinton.

Dancing' champ Castroneves: Hinchcliffe the driver to beat

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—James Hinchcliffe and Helio Castroneves ditched the cars for costumes and went head-to-head—foxtrot-to-foxtrot, perhaps—for a televised showdown on the dance floor.

The IndyCar drivers teamed up this week to film a “dance-off” segment that should air on “Dancing With the Stars” Monday night on ABC.

Castroneves used fancy footwork to win the 2007

trophy that sits in his championship collection along with three Indianapolis 500 Borg-Warner trophies. Hinchcliffe, a fellow IndyCar driver, has earned rave reviews for dominating dancing that earned him a spot in the final week of competition.

Hinchcliffe and partner Sharna Burgess are scheduled for two dances on Monday. If they are not eliminated, the duo will dance for the championship on Tuesday night’s show.

Castroneves said Hinchcliffe could take the show’s version of the checkered flag.

“I’m very impressed, to be honest, the way he did it,” Castroneves said. “The way he did it, I feel that he has a phenomenal chance.”

Castroneves declined to reveal the danceoff winner during a visit Sunday to the NASCAR championship race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

“You’ve got to watch,” he said, smiling.

Wayne Gretzky lending his voice to 'The Simpsons'

Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky will become the first hockey player to lend his voice to “The Simpsons,” when he appears in an episode set to air next month.

“Simpsons” executive producer Al Jean tells NHL.com that the show was looking for “heroes of win-

ter” for the Dec. 11th episode “and there couldn’t be a bigger hockey hero than Wayne Gretzky.”

Gretzky, known as “The Great One” in hockey circles, won four Stanley Cups with the Edmonton Oilers before moving on to play for Los Angeles, St. Louis and the

New York Rangers. The Oilers tweeted out a picture of the cartoon version of Gretzky, in which he has four fingers on each hand and yellow skin, just like other “Simpsons” characters.

The league’s website says that Gretzky recorded his role over the summer. (AP)



NEW FRANCHISE

This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Eddie Redmayne in a scene from, “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.” The Harry Potter spinoff cast a spell over audiences in its debut, summoning \$75 million according to studio estimates Sunday and unseating “Doctor Strange” from the top spot. Directed by Harry Potter alum David Yates, “Fantastic Beasts,” a Warner Bros. release, cost around \$180 million to produce, and is meant to kick off a five film franchise based on author and screenwriter J.K. Rowling’s creation. AP

Sharing bed with infant can lead to sleep-related death

DEAR ABBY: While, as you replied to “Sleepy in California” (Sept. 17), some parents do “co-sleep” with their children for the first few months, what you were referring to is actually “bed sharing.” Bed sharing was shown in studies several years ago to be the greatest risk factor for sleep-related deaths in young infants less than 4 months of age.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the March of Dimes have both recommended (for years!) against bed sharing in these young infants. Instead they recommend that young infants sleep in cribs near their parents. They should of course be on their backs and should not be sleeping with blankets or toys.

These deaths, mostly from suffocation or overheating, are sad and mostly preventable. The acceptance of bed sharing due to cultural influences is difficult to overcome. Please help by taking the time to educate your readers on the dangers of bed sharing with infants.

C. SMITH, M.D., FAAP

DEAR DR. SMITH: I appreciate your writing to me. Your point is an important one, and that I omitted it was an oversight. I hope parents of infants will take your wise counsel to heart.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is 29, and we recently had a respectful, although heated, discussion about politics, agendas and the candidates. It turned out that we disagree on major is-

sues, and we both can give chapter and verse about why we believe the way we do.

Something came to light, though. She’s not the person I thought she was. She informed me that she had had an abortion. My feelings on this issue aren’t a judgment call. This is a belief system for me, something ingrained in me. If she were a stranger, I would absolutely not be around her. Knowing what I do now, I am crushed.

She’s my daughter, and we have always had our differences. But I feel so strongly about what she’s doing and has done that I no longer want to be in the same room with her. She has a son I adore with all my heart, and I provide child care for him. I feel broken right now and could really use guidance.

BROKEN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BROKEN: I can only imagine how you must have felt to have learned about the abortion during a “heated discussion.” However, there is a common misconception that women who decide to terminate a pregnancy do so lightly. They don’t! If you don’t know your daughter’s reason for having hers, it might benefit both of you to talk calmly about it. You don’t have to approve of her choice, but you should hear what she has to say.

Because you feel broken, this is something you should discuss with your religious adviser and take your cue from him or her. To cut off relations with your daughter -- and by

DEAR ABBY

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extension your grandson -- would benefit no one.

DEAR ABBY: Are you supposed to take a gift to an engagement party? The couple has been living together. They just got engaged and are planning a wedding in two years.

ANA MARIE IN TEXAS

DEAR ANA MARIE: A gift would be a nice gesture. It doesn’t have to be lavish -- a lovely frame for their engagement picture would be thoughtful, because a wedding is now in the picture.

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- I. Preliminary Matters
 1. Roll Call
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Adoption of Minutes from October 27, 2016
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 1. Administrator
 2. Chair
 3. COMMITTEES
 - a. Committee on Awards
 - b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
 - c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
 - d. Committee on Program and Development
 - e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs
- IV. Old Business
 1. SHEFA on Disability
- V. New Business
 1. Fall 2016 Application Status
 2. Amended CGPA for new applicants
 3. Military Service
- VI. Executive Session – Appeals (closed)
- VII. Misc.
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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Butler's 40 points boost Bulls past Lakers



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 40 points and Isaiah Canaan added a season-high 17 in the Chicago Bulls' fifth victory in six games, 118-110 over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

Nikola Mirotic had 15 points and 15 rebounds and the Bulls held off Los Angeles' late rally for their third win in four stops on their annual circus road trip.

Rajon Rondo had four points, nine rebounds and 12 assists despite a sore left ankle. He hit a floater in the lane with 28.6 seconds left to secure the Bulls' win after Los Angeles trimmed a 15-point lead to five.

Lou Williams scored a season-high 25 points and Larry Nance Jr. had a career-high 18 for the Lakers (7-7), but their other young stars mostly struggled in their second straight loss.

Dwyane Wade took his first night off this season for the Bulls. He scored 28 points on Saturday while Chicago blew a 19-point lead in a loss to the Clippers, but the Bulls are monitoring their 34-year-old guard's long-term health.

D'Angelo Russell had only eight points and seven assists while playing on a sore left knee. Jordan Clarkson managed just five points on 1-of-12 shooting, and Julius Randle had 14 points.

Butler destroyed a series of Los Angeles defenders with his usual flair, scoring inside and on the perimeter without hitting a 3-pointer. Chicago also outrebounded the Lakers 56-37, constantly outhustling Los Angeles to loose balls.

Even on a bad night, the young Lakers made a late rally to trim Chicago's lead to 115-

110 with 1:12 left on back-to-back 3-pointers by Nick Young and Russell.

Young and Russell then missed 3-pointers that would have trimmed Chicago's lead to two, and Butler won a jump ball before Rondo's clinching floater.

Pacers 115, Thunder 111 OT

In Oklahoma City, Indiana coach Nate McMillan wrote an instruction on the white board in the Pacers' locker room Sunday: "Scrap."

Jeff Teague did just that, scoring eight of his 30 points in overtime, harassing Russell Westbrook defensively all night and lifting the short-handed Pacers to a victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

It was Indiana's first road victory of the season and it came without star forward Paul George, who missed his second straight game with a sore left ankle.

"You've got to fight for everything," McMillan said. "I thought the guys tonight, we did that. We were without a couple of players, but the guys in uniform came out and played the game the right way. They played hard and we got our first road win."

Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook had his fifth triple-double of the season—as many as the rest of the NBA combined—with 31 points, 15 assists and 11 rebounds, but went 13 of 34 from the field. Westbrook calmly used an expletive to describe the way he played.

"We just wasn't ready," he said. "Just wasn't ready tonight, starting with myself.... I could have done a lot of things better, man. Got to come out and be ready to play. Tonight I felt like I let my guys down all around. I've got to be better."

Teague matched his season scoring high and added nine



Chicago Bulls forward Jimmy Butler, left, leaps away from Los Angeles Lakers guard D'Angelo Russell, center, and guard Nick Young, right, to make a pass during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

points and 10 rebounds for the Kings, Darrin Collison had 15 points and nine assists and Aaron Afflalo had 14 points. The Kings snapped a four-game losing streak and beat the Raptors for the second time this season.

Kyle Lowry had 25 points and eight assists for the Raptors. NBA scoring leader DeMar DeRozan had a season-low 12 points.

Knicks 104, Hawks 94

In New York, Carmelo Anthony matched his season high with 31 points and New York beat Atlanta for its fourth straight home victory.

Kristaps Porzingis added 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 18 rebounds, but point guard Dennis Schroder missed all eight shots as the Hawks dropped their second straight following a six-game winning streak.

Howard bounced back nicely after he was ejected for a flagrant foul Friday in the Hawks' 100-96 loss in Charlotte, while Paul Millsap led Atlanta with 19 points and Kyle Korver scored 17.

New York played without starting center Joakim Noah because of illness. Guards Derrick Rose and Courtney Lee each had 14 points, and Kyle O'Quinn, who replaced Noah, had eight points and eight rebounds.

Trail Blazers 129, Nets 109

In New York, C.J. McCollum scored 33 points, Evan Turner had 19 and Portland beat Brooklyn.

Portland snapped a three-game losing streak and extended Brooklyn's skid to four.

Damian Lillard added 18 points for the Trail Blazers, and Allen Crabbe had 14. Brook Lopez had 21 points for the Nets.

Nuggets 105, Jazz 91

In Denver, Jusuf Nurkic had 16 points and 11 rebounds and the Denver Nuggets won a home game for the second time this season, beating Utah.

Rookie Jamal Murray had 16 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to help Denver improve to 2-4 at the Pepsi Center. Wilson Chandler added 17, and Danilo Gallinari had 13 points, five rebounds and eight assists. Gordon Hayward had 25 points for Utah.

Final PGA Tour event goes another day in 4-man playoff



ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP)

Billy Horschel thought he hit the winning putt, taking quick steps to the right to watch the ball track toward the cup only for it to burn the left edge.

No problem. He'd get another chance in the five-man playoff at the RSM Classic.

Except that he didn't.

In a shocker Sunday at Sea Island, Horschel's routine tap-in from 2 feet missed to the right on No. 18 and he was eliminated from the playoff. One hole later, with the other four players unable to make a putt in the dark on the 18th green, the

final PGA Tour event was suspended until Monday morning.

Mackenzie Hughes, the 25-year-old Canadian trying to become the first rookie to go wire-to-wire in 20 years, had a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 18 on the second extra hole and it turned away to the left. It already was plenty dark, and there was no chance to play another hole.

Hughes, Blayne Barber, Camilo Villegas and Henrik Norlander were to return at 8 a.m. Monday to resume on the par-3 17th.

Horschel was headed home feeling empty.

"I missed it. That's pretty much what it came down to," Horschel said after walking

off the 18th green. "I took my time and just blocked it."

But he wrote on Twitter a few minutes later, "I didn't take my time over that short putt."

Either way, he was headed home to Florida feeling empty. He hasn't won since the Tour Championship in 2014 to capture the FedEx Cup, and at No. 76 in the world, he is not yet eligible for any of the majors next year.

That includes the Masters. And a trip to Augusta National is a big perk for whoever wins on Monday. That's not all that's at stake.

Norlander and Villegas don't have full status on the PGA Tour this year—Norlander received a sponsor's exemption—and a vic-

tory would take care of that. Hughes began his rookie season just six weeks ago and has a honeymoon planned in the offseason. Barber is going for his first PGA Tour victory.

All of them had their chances, and none had any real regrets over the final hour.

Hughes narrowly missed birdie chances on the 15th and 16th holes, but holed a 5-foot par putt on the 18th in regulation for a 1-under 69 to join the playoff.

Norlander, who closed with a 65, stuffed a 9-iron into 3 feet on the 18th in regulation and was the first to reach

17-under 265. Barber ran off back-to-back birdies on the back nine, and he had a 12-foot birdie attempt at the 18th

that he missed on the low side. He shot a 66.

Villegas played the best coming down the stretch. Two shots behind with three to play, the Colombian hit an aggressive drive on the par-4 16th that set up wedge for a short birdie, then holed an 18-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 17th to tie for the lead. He finished with a 6-foot par on the 18th for a 68.

It was the largest playoff on the PGA Tour since Alex Cejka won a five-man playoff in Puerto Rico in 2015.

Hughes had the best chance at a birdie on the 18th over the two playoff holes, though it wasn't as easy as an ordinary 10-footer, not with darkness setting in.

Brady throws 4 TD passes in Bay Area return



SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for 280 yards and four touchdowns and the New England Patriots beat San Francisco 30-17 on Sunday in Brady's first road game against the 49ers team he rooted for as a boy.

Brady found Danny Amendola for a 5-yard touchdown to start the fourth quarter then later hit Malcolm Mitchell on a 56-yard score for his fourth TD pass.

Brady also threw short touchdown passes to Julian Edelman and James White on his first two possessions and completed 24 of 40 passes. The AFC East-leading Patriots (8-2) bounced back from last week's loss to the Seahawks on a rainy day at Levi's Stadium.

With his 199th career victory, Brady tied Hall of Famer Brett Favre for second-most wins by a quarterback in NFL history. With his next win, Brady will match Peyton Manning for the top spot.

Redskins 42, Packers 24

In Landover Kirk Cousins went deep late and often, throwing for 375 yards and three touchdowns to lead Washington past free-falling Green Bay.

Cousins and the Redskins (6-3-1) have won six of their past eight games going into a showdown with the NFC East-leading Dallas Cowboys, the winners of nine in a row. The Packers (4-6) have lost four consecutive games and five of six, allowing 30 or more points in all of those defeats.

Robert Kelley ran for a career-best 137 yards and three touchdowns against a Green Bay defense that allowed completions of 70, 53 and 44 yards. Cousins was 21 of 30, connecting with Pierre Garcon, DeSean Jackson and Jamison Crowder for touchdowns and becoming the franchise leader in 300-yard games.

Aaron Rodgers was 26 of 41 for 355 yards and three touchdowns, but he couldn't keep up with what his defense gave up. Washington gained 517 yards and converted on 64 percent of third-down attempts.

Seahawks 26, Eagles 15

In Seattle, Russell Wilson threw for 272 yards and a touchdown, and caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Doug Baldwin and Seattle rolled past Philadelphia.

Wilson became the first quarterback in franchise history to catch a touchdown, a perfect end-around pass from Baldwin to Seattle's athletic



AP
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) and wide receiver Malcolm Mitchell (19) celebrate after connecting on a touchdown pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

their fifth straight win.

Manning (21 of 36 for 227) also threw a third-quarter touchdown to Will Tye, Rashad Jennings scored on a 2-yard run and Robbie Gould kicked a 46-yard field goal on a day he missed two extra points in a gusty MetLife Stadium.

The Giants (7-3) got a second-half shutdown from their defense and a clinching interception from Landon Collins as injuries on the offensive line finally caught up with the Bears (2-8) and left Jay Cutler under constant pressure.

The winning streak is New York's longest in the regular season since 2010, while the Bears' start matches their worst since 2002.

Colts 24, Titans 17

In Indianapolis, Andrew Luck led the Indianapolis Colts to a big early lead, and the defense held on in the second half. Indianapolis (5-5) evened its record by winning back-to-back games for the first time this season.

And by earning their 11th straight victory in the series, the Colts climbed into second place in the AFC South.

For Tennessee (5-6), it was more frustration against an old nemesis.

Luck was 15 of 28 for 262 yards with two touchdowns and one interception as the Colts scored touchdowns on each of their first three possessions.

Tennessee came back with a 3-yard TD pass from Marcus Mariota to DeMarco Murray in the final minute of the first half and a 34-yard TD pass from Mariota to Tajae Sharpe midway through the third quarter. But the Titans never caught up.

Lions 26, Jaguars 19

In Detroit, Eric Ebron had a go-ahead 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. Ebron's first carry of his career, a handoff as he went from left to right after lining up as an off-the-line tight end, was set up by his career-long, 61-yard catch.

The Lions (6-4) have won five of six despite trailing in the fourth quarter of every game. For a change, Matthew Stafford didn't have to lead a winning drive in the final minutes.

Jacksonville (2-8) has lost five straight.

QB as he ran down the left sideline and dove into the end zone to give the Seahawks (6-2-1) a 23-7 lead.

Wilson was already causing headaches for the Eagles (5-4) well before his TD catch. He scrambled and threw across his body to find Jimmy Graham on a 35-yard catch-and-run touchdown in the second quarter as Seattle built a 16-7 halftime lead that was more than enough. Rookie C.J. Prosise had a 72-yard touchdown run on Seattle's fifth offensive play -- the longest run ever by a Seattle player since CenturyLink Field opened in 2002.

Steelers 24, Browns 9

In Cleveland, Le'Veon Bell scored on a 1-yard touchdown run long after time expired in the first half and Pittsburgh had eight sacks and snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over winless Cleveland.

The Steelers (5-5) scored eight points with zeroes showing on the clock before halftime after they were awarded two extra plays because of defensive penalties against the Browns (0-11). Three NFL teams previously went 0-11 before winning a game, while seven had even worse starts.

Steelers defensive tackle Javon Hargrave recovered a fumble by QB Josh McCown for a TD with 3:36 left to seal Pittsburgh's win. The Steelers came in with a league-low 13 sacks before unloading on the Browns.

Bell finished with a season-high 146 yards rushing. Ben Roethlisberger improved to 20-2 in starts against Cleveland, still paying for not drafting the Ohio native in 2004.

Cowboys 27, Ravens 17

In Arlington, Dak Prescott

threw three touchdown passes, two to Dez Bryant, in the first game with Tony Romo as his backup, and the Cowboys set a franchise season record with their ninth straight win.

The Cowboys (9-1) punted on their first four possessions -- a first this season -- against the NFL's No. 1 defense. They marched 92 and 88 yards on their first two drives of the second half to break a 10-10 tie. Both drives ended with TD passes to Bryant, who had six catches for 80 yards.

Romo, who broke a bone in his back in a preseason game, was active for the first time since Thanksgiving last year, and was the Dallas backup for the first time in 10 years.

The Ravens (5-5) lost to Dallas for the first time in five games in franchise history.

Vikings 30, Cardinals 24

In Minneapolis, Xavier Rhodes returned one of his two interceptions 100 yards for a touchdown and Cordarrelle Patterson took the second-half kickoff 104 yards for a score as the Vikings stopped their four-game losing streak.

The Vikings (6-4) used those momentum-shifting plays they'd been missing to hold onto a first-place tie with Detroit in the NFC North, with a rematch against the Lions looming in four days. After fueling a 5-0 start with four return touchdowns, the Vikings didn't produce any over their last four games.

Danielle Hunter had two of the team's four sacks, the most by the Vikings since their most recent victory six weeks ago.

David Johnson rushed for 103 yards and a score and tacked on 57 yards and a

touchdown receiving, but the Cardinals (4-5-1) netted only 27 yards after halftime. They fell further into the background of the NFC playoff picture with four more road games remaining.

Dolphins 14, Rams 10

In Los Angeles, DeVante Parker caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Tannehill with 36 seconds to play, and Miami rallied for two late scores to spoil Jared Goff's NFL debut with a victory over Los Angeles.

Tannehill passed for 172 yards in the fifth straight victory for the Dolphins (6-4), who were dominated by the Rams' defense until their final two drives on a rainy day at the Coliseum. Miami barely kept alive its longest winning streak since 2008.

After Jarvis Landry caught a 10-yard TD pass with 4:02 to play, the Dolphins got the ball right back and drove downfield for Parker's diving TD reception in the corner.

Goff went 17 of 31 for 134 yards in a quiet debut by the NFL's No. 1 pick in the Rams' 10th game of the season.

Todd Gurley scored on a 24-yard run in the first quarter for Los Angeles (4-6), but neither team managed much offense until Miami's late surge.

The Bengals managed only five first downs while being shut out in the second half.

Buccaneers 19, Chiefs 17

In Kansas City, Jameis Winston sliced up a Kansas City defense missing top cornerback Marcus Peters, and Tampa Bay snapped the Chiefs' five-game winning streak.

Winston threw for 331 yards to help set up four field goals by Roberto Aguayo, and hit tight end Robert Cross for a touchdown with just over six

minutes left to give the Buccaneers (5-5) a cushion.

The Chiefs (7-3) marched swiftly downfield, and Alex Smith hit Albert Wilson with a short touchdown pass with just over two minutes left. But their defense couldn't stop Mike Evans on third-and-3 just moments later, and the big wide receiver's sixth reception gave the Buccaneers a first down.

It was the Buccaneers' fifth straight win over Kansas City dating to 1993.

Bills 16, Bengals 12

In Cincinnati, LeSean McCoy ran 7 yards for a touchdown before suffering a thumb injury, for the Bills (5-5), who had lost three straight heading into their bye week.

Playing their first game in nearly a month at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals (3-6-1) couldn't move the ball consistently or make an extra point. They also lost receiver A.J. Green to an injured right hamstring on the first pass of the game; he was taken off on a cart.

Buffalo's defense clinched it by knocking down Andy Dalton's desperation pass into the end zone on the final play. The Bengals managed only five first downs while being shut out in the second half.

The Bills lost two of their top offensive players in the first half. Receiver Robert Woods suffered a knee injury as he was tackled after a catch. McCoy hurt his left thumb late in the half.

Giants 22, Bears 16

In East Rutherford, Eli Manning threw a go-ahead 15-yard touchdown pass to rookie Sterling Shepard in the third quarter as the Giants rallied for

Murrays beats Djokovic in ATP Finals, ends season as No. 1

LONDON (AP) — Without a doubt, Andy Murray will be the No. 1 player in the world for the rest of the year.

The Wimbledon champion needed to win the final match of the season to ensure his place at the top. And he did it, rather easily.

Murray beat Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4 Sunday to earn his first title at the ATP finals, and make sure he remained No. 1 until next season.

"I would like to try and stay there, obviously. It's taken a huge effort the last five, six months to get there," said Murray, who took over the top ranking two weeks ago and has now won 24 straight matches.

"I'm aware that's going to be extremely difficult because I had a great year this year. I only managed to do it by one match."

Murray replaced Djokovic as the top-ranked player in Paris, but the second-ranked Serb could have regained the No. 1 position by winning Sunday at the O2 Arena.

And Murray seemed vulnerable heading into the final,



AP
Andy Murray of Britain holds the trophy after winning the ATP World Tour Finals singles final tennis match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the O2 Arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

SIS

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field and Clayton Izuka prevailing in the boys category. Snyder timed in at 13:14 to place first and SIS had a 1-2 finish in the girls U15 as Tania Tan posted the field's second best time of 14:13. Agape's Annie Wang completed the Top 3 after submitting 19:02. In the boys division, Izuka had the second fastest time over-

all with his 10:38 to place ahead of 22 other runners, including 17 from Agape. The Torchbearers' Xiong Lue and Marianas High School's Ken Song came in at second and third after clocking in at 11:25 and 11:40, respectively.

In the boys U13, Go Sekiguchi lorded in over in the 22-runner field to hand SIS its fourth division individual title. Sekiguchi crossed the finish line at the 11:01. Saipan

Community School's Oliver Lee was ranked second after checking in at 11:41, while two-time preliminary leg winner Dominic Torres of Mt. Carmel School finished third with his 12:16.

Meanwhile, Hopwood Junior High School's Conatsu Kaga and Agape's Allan Zhao joined the SIS students in the champions circle.

Zhao was the overall top finisher in the 3.5-kilometer race after registering 10:29.

matches. Garapan finished with a 2-0-1, making nine goals and giving up three. Koberville Elementary School was ranked third with its 1-0-2 slate, seven goals for and nine against, while Kagman Elementary School placed last after failing to win a single game in the elimination.

In Pool B, Team Private Schools matched WSR's clean record, posting nine goals and yielding two. GTC had a 2-0-1 card and six goals, while Oleai Elementary School missed the cut following its 1-0-2 mark. San Vicente Elementary

School rounded out the pool and was winless in the round-robin play.

Meanwhile, WSR received a trophy for winning this year's NEA Cup, which was the culmination of the two month-long program under Northern Mariana Islands Football Association. NMIFA and its coaching staff went to the various schools on Saipan to recruit players in the fourth and fifth grade and those selected were trained for weeks. Saipan Football Business Academy, which brings its people to Saipan to study

especially after playing three sets against Milos Raonic in Saturday's semifinals. He started against Djokovic with a pair of double-faults in the opening game, but it was soon his opponent that was struggling with his serve as the unforced errors piled up.

"There was no serious chance for me to win today's match," Djokovic said. "From the very beginning we could see that. He was just a better player all in all."

Normally so steady with his groundstrokes, Djokovic found himself missing easy shots time after time, finishing the match with a whopping 30 unforced errors and only 13 winners. Murray had 15 unforced errors and 13 winners.

In the first set, Djokovic had a routine smash that he whacked wide. And in the second, he netted a basic forehand volley.

It never got much better for the 12-time Grand Slam champion, who was trying to win a record-tying sixth title at the season-ending tournament and finish the year as

He led Agape Top 4 finish in the boys U18, as he defeated Caleb Wang (10:49), Enze Hu (11:15), and Henry Hu (11:29). SIS' JeHyuk Jung completed the Top 5 after clocking in at 11:30, while MCS' Christian Villacrusis was ranked sixth with his 11:42.

Kaga ruled the girls U13 age group after recording 12:29 and beating the Geckos' Rei Sekiguchi and Victoria, who timed in at 13:46 and 14:21, respectively.

soccer coaching and training, helped out in honing the skills of the chosen players.

After their training sessions, the participating teams competed for the NEA Cup and the coaches selected the most valuable players from each school based on their overall performance in training and in the tournament.

The MVPs list includes Koberville's Teddy Brobesong, Oleai's Javen Montenegro, Garapan's P.J. Pangilinan, GTC's Reed Camacho, Private School's Markus Toves, and WSR's Bergancia.

ever, the Knights refused to give up that easily and won the next exchanges to move within four, 17-21. Foreman again delivered for the Knights, while Merrick Toves got a couple of points off his overhand serves.

With MCS making another comeback, Torres came to GCA's rescue and scored the remaining four points with the last one coming off a booming spike that dropped to the unguarded backline.

the top-ranked player for the fifth time.

"I didn't do much from my side. Every time I would get an opportunity, I would miss," said Djokovic, who completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open this year.

Murray is the first man other than Djokovic, Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal to finish the year as the No. 1-ranked player

since Andy Roddick in 2003.

He took over the top spot on Nov. 7 after winning his eighth title of the season at the Paris Masters. He also reached the Australian Open and French Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions, but won his second straight Olympic gold medal in singles at the Rio de Janeiro Games after claiming his second Wimbledon title.



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NOVEMBER 22

4-6pm: PSS Bball
4-6pm: Patriots/Ol'Aces Baseball Practice
6-10pm: UFO



NOVEMBER 28

4-6pm: PSS Bball
4-6pm: McDonald's Majors Baseball Practice
6-10pm: Outdoor league
6-9pm: Open Gym
6-9pm: Maters SML

NOVEMBER 29

4-6pm: PSS Bball
4-6pm: Majors Baseball Practice
6-10pm: Outdoor league
6-9pm: Open gym
6-9pm: Masters SML

NOVEMBER 25

Marianas Variety Fun Games

NOVEMBER 26

6-10pm: UFO

NOVEMBER 27

6-8am: Sunday Hoops
1-7pm: Church league

NOVEMBER 30

4-6pm: PSS Bball
4-6pm: McDonald's Majors Baseball Practice
6-10pm: Outdoor league
6-9pm: Open gym
6-9pm: Masters SML

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	8	5	.615	—
Boston	7	6	.538	1
New York	6	7	.462	2
Brooklyn	4	9	.308	4
Philadelphia	3	10	.231	5

Southeast Division

Atlanta	9	4	.692	—
Charlotte	8	4	.667	½
Orlando	6	7	.462	3
Miami	4	8	.333	4½
Washington	3	9	.250	5½

Central Division

Cleveland	10	2	.833	—
Chicago	9	5	.643	2
Indiana	7	7	.500	4
Detroit	6	8	.429	5
Milwaukee	5	7	.417	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	10	3	.769	—
Memphis	8	5	.615	2
Houston	8	5	.615	2
New Orleans	4	10	.286	6½
Dallas	2	10	.167	7½

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	8	6	.571	—
Portland	8	7	.533	½
Utah	7	8	.467	1½
Denver	5	8	.385	2½
Minnesota	4	8	.333	3

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	12	2	.857	—
Golden State	11	2	.846	½
L.A. Lakers	7	7	.500	5
Sacramento	5	9	.357	7
Phoenix				

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	241	163
Miami	5	4	0	.556	204	206
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	237	203
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	179	244

South

Houston	6	3	0	.667	161	188

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2016 NMIFA Fall Youth League U12 Playoff Match

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MP United Football Club goalie Richard Steele, left, steps into the play to prevent Kanoa FC's Jim Kurt Maniago from kicking the ball during the second half of their playoff match for the co-ed U12 division title of the 2016 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



MP United FC players and coaches huddle before their match against Kanoa.



MP United's Andrew Chung, left, and Kanoa's Daniel Mar Pablo chase the ball.



Referee Ruselle Zapanta, Kanoa and MP United players enter the pitch.



MP United's Rohan Basnet, left, dribbles, while Kanoa's Ian Lubao stays close to him.



MP United's Jeremiah Diaz, right, is nudged by a Kanoa defender.



Kanoa's John Mark Anastacio goes for the corner kick.



Three Kanoa defenders go after MP United's Rintaro Miyawaki.



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Finals rematch in middle school v-ball

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Grace Christian Academy 1 and Saipan International School 1 arranged a finals rematch after winning their respective playoff games in the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday.



The Eagles swept Mt. Carmel School 1, 25-10, 25-17, at the GCA court in Navy Hill, while over

WSR wins 2016 NEA Cup



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William S. Reyes Elementary players and their coach Tadaomi Yasuda pose with their trophy after ruling the 2016 NEA Cup held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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William S. Reyes Elementary School edged Team Private Schools in the finals, 3-2, to top the 2016 National Elite Academy Cup held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Lowell Lumauag made the dagger for WSR, as he scored on a cross with about two minutes left in the title match. The go-ahead goal was Lumauag's second, while Anthony Bergancia scored the other goal for the Kingfishers. Completing the champion team were So-

phia Quintos, Code Forbes, Markus Pelisamen, R.J. Langu, E.J. Lisua, and Mary Joy Aniana. Tadaomi Yasuda of Saipan Football Business Academy coached WSR.

"WSR players worked very hard in this tournament. They were very good in transition and used their speed very well. They were also so focused in every match," Yasuda said.

Yasuda's wards moved into the finals after beating Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in the semis, 4-1. Team Private Schools, which was mentored by Jer-

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beginning at 3:30pm.

With their Final Four triumph over the Knights, the Eagles did not only earn a return trip to the finals, but also kept their perfect record intact this season—20-0. The Cesar Libut-coached GCA 1 swept the double-round-robin regular season, posting an 18-0 slate before defeating Agape Christian School in the first round of the playoffs and then MCS 1 in the semis.

"The magic number for us is 21. We want to keep that perfect record," Libut said.

The GCA 1 coach added that getting back at SIS is also a big motivation to the Eagles when they take on the defending champion SIS 1 in the finals. The Geckos outlasted GCA in the finals of the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Grace Christian Academy 1's Duane Torres, left, and Sebastian Camacho both go for the spike during the second set of their semis game against Mt. Carmel School 1 yesterday at the GCA court in Navy Hill.



SIS dominates cross country finale

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Runners from Agape Christian School wearing red shirts may

have flooded the starting line of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Cham-



pionships, but at the finish line, Saipan International School students in blue shirts were the stars.

The Geckos won four

of the six divisions in the middle and high school categories of the All Schools finale held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Isabel Dickinson, who topped the first four preliminary races that took place at the CPA Airport Field, capped her domination in the girls U18 division after beating 13 other runners in the 3.5-kilometer run. Dickinson finished the one-lap race in 12:35 to prevail against 12 Agape runners and her fellow SIS student Tiajavika Salas. Agape's Ella Zhang (14:10) and Daisy Yang (14:49) rounded out the Top 3.

In the U15 division, the Geckos had a sweep with Annika Snyder winning the girls



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Middle school and high school runners head out to the course during Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Championships held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

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